Remember our $1 rate will be discontinued the 30th inst. It will pay to renew or subscribe now.

The Freeman

A National Illustrated Colored Newspaper

Ethiopia shall stretch forth her hand

VOLUME 9
NUMBER 3.

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 1897.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.
SINGLE COPY, 6 MONTHS, 85 CENTS; 1 YEAR, $1.50.

INDIANAPOLIS JAN 26 1897 PUBLIC LIBRARY

THE STAGE AND SOCIETY.

THEATRICAL TRIUMPHS ACCOMPLISHED ONLY THROUGH

Close Application to Study—Trouble In the Sacred Ranks—Is Dr. Preston Guilty? Chance for Exoneration—Spicy Notes.

St. Louis, Mo., Special.

The Woman's Equal Suffrage Club, No. 2 held its regular meeting at Zion church on the 7th, Mrs. M. Hill, president, in the chair. After prayer by Mrs. Hayes, the president then informed new members and visitors the object of the meeting. Mrs. Carter read an extract from a speech of Sojourner Truth, dating back as far as '51, which was received with great applause. Mrs. Hayes then presented a forcible argument on the shortcomings of the American Negro, and the lady argued very logically. Rev. Dr. Puryear, pastor of the church, in a short address complimented the ladies on their work, and then opened the doors of his church for them to meet whenever they desire to do so. Let the other churches fall in line and do likewise.

Your correspondent called on Dr. Preston and requested him to respond to the article of Dr. Graham in last week's issue. The doctor was very busily engaged at the time in church affairs and could not spare your correspondent the time necessary for an interview, but promises during the week to give an article for publication. Dr. Preston is beloved by St. Louisians, and is doing a work here that no other man has ever been able to accomplish, and your correspondent with many others believe that the green-eyed monster, jealousy, has taken hold of some of these eminent divines who are slandering our noble Preston. Let them but try to keep their own skirts clean and they will not find time to malign others.

El Bethel Baptist church on Athelone Ave., North St. Louis, is in quite an uproar about some of its members being turned out for nonpayment of dues. Rev. P. G. Boggs, the pastor, offered to re-instate them upon the payment of $1 each, but this they refused to do, and consequently appealed to the board of deacons which will meet in the near future, and it is probable that matters will be amicably settled, and the members re-instated in a christian spirit. The Literary Society of the same church is making good progress, and elected last week the following officers: President, E. Marshall; vice president, W. Rankin; secretary, Miss Antoinette Howard; treasurer, Charles Vincent.

The Attucks Improvement Association has removed its reading rooms to more luminous apartments at 2304 Morgan street, where it will be pleased to receive donations of all colored newspapers for the accommodation of the reading public.

Your correspondent had a very pleasant visit to the Orphan's Home a few days ago, and found the children at supper. The place was very neat and comfortably furnished, and although the directress was taken by surprise, no fault can be found. Mrs. Rector, the matron, deserves credit for the training of so many little ones. The Freeman hopes that the St. Louis public will respond liberally to the wants of the institution.

Four new janitors have been appointed to the court rooms of the newly elected circuit judges to-wit: William H. Griswold, Dan Marshall, Geo. W. Boldrew, Isaac Curl, and Theodore Washington. We congratulate these gentlemen, and trust that they will prove themselves worthy of the office, and faithful in the discharge of their duties.

Congregating on sidewalks in front of churches during and after service, engaged in all kinds of conversation is improper, and very disrespectful to the ladies who must pass and hear what is being said. Young men, if this thing does not cease, The Freeman's correspondent will certainly expose you, and you may depend that society will close its doors.

Rev. John W Wheeler, western editor of the Paladium and janitor of the City Hall, while rolling a barrow of coal through the yards was struck on the foot by unknown parties and was consequently confined at home for a few days. He is again resuming his labors at the hall, writing editorials for his paper, and preparing sermons for the salvation of souls. What a complexity?

The name of Miss Louise Morgan of Lucas avenue, appeared in our columns a few weeks ago, and has caused quite a furore in society circles, in consequence of which the young lady has received two proposals of marriage from readers of The Freeman, one coming from Cincinnati and the other from Media, Pa. Young ladies, the best way to get a husband is through The Freeman. Don't you think so?

Mrs. Dr. S. F. Porter, of 1408 Morgan street is one of our most enterprising women. As a practicing physician she copes with the best, and makes the diseases of her sex a specialty, and offers a reward for any case she fails to cure. She has also prepared and has on the market many indispensable toilet articles. Mrs. Porter is to our race what Mme. Yale is to the Caucasians. The Freeman appreciates the lady and wishes her success.

Mrs. Henry Prentiss of 2033 Walnut street, gave a dinner in honor of Rev. Kempe Carruthers on New Year's day, and entertained a number of friends. An enjoyable evening was spent with the poets and in music.

The Primitive Baptist church of this city is in a siege of trouble, and Rev. Berry Wilson of Franklin, Tenn., was here to settle the same. He returned home a few days ago, but will be back in April to succeed the present incumbent, Rev. P. Wade.

Mrs. J. G. Coates has returned to her home in Iowa, while her husband will continue here in the employ of the Union Station Restaurant Co.

STAGE AND SOCIETY.

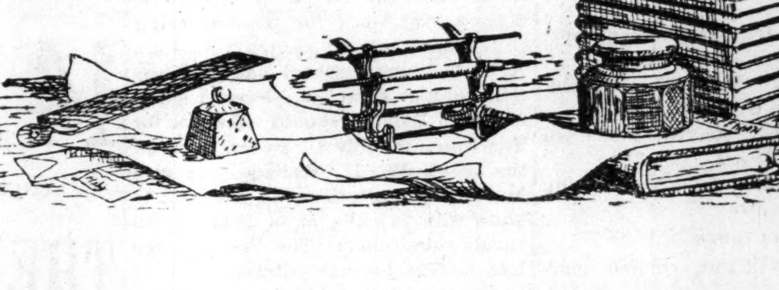
Some thoughts are suggested by the rapidly growing respect and esteem of the world for the art and artists of the stage. Not so many years ago, social laws prescribed the followers of the theatrical calling in most offensive and contemptuous terms. In these present days there is no social eminence to which the serious and earnest artist of the stage may not mount, no circle so exclusive that its gates may not be passed by the player who shall prove personally worthy. The dramatic artist of to-day finds every door open and every hand stretched out in welcome. What are the moving causes of this lifting up of the theatre and its followers? Are they to be discovered in the devotion of players to the development and dignfication of their art, or in the suppositions exaltation of the stage by society personages who have persuaded themselves that in becoming associated with the drama, they are assisting in its elevation? I think that any serious consideration of this advancement of the profession of acting must bring the conclusion that it has been occasioned purely by the care and thought and increasing power of the actors themselves. No barrier can stand forever before the progress of honest endeavor.

It is only the constant toil which produces development that any of the arts has gone forward, and this applies with particular force to the dramatic art, which, being a combination of all the others, is the most difficult and comprehensive. It would be a destructive blow to the existence of such a thing as dramatic art, if a social leader, equipped with a pleasing personality, a degree of drawing-room grace and ten lessons in elocution, were to gain, as an actor or actress, the approval of thoughtless observers. I do not say that a society leader may not become a dramatic artist, but his or her progress must be accomplished by the same methods and labors and experiences as those which mark the advancement of the humblest beginner in the ranks. To most of those who move from the private mansion to the stage, acting seems an easy accomplishment, and theatrical triumphs appear the simple rewards of trival labors. Thus, your society amateur, with her few lessons and her parlor graces—which are by no means stage graces—starts serenely in at the top, expecting to see herself instantly recognized as a dramatic artist. Sometimes she finds in notoriety a balm for the abrasion of her expectations. But, more generally, she feels that the actors, the newspapers and the general community have entered into a dark conspiracy to thwart her ambitions and rob the drama of one of its most shining lights. There should be no room on the stage for any man or woman who is not willing to study and work unceasingly not only for individual triumph, but also for the growth and honor of the art of acting. Such persons do not ornament the stage any more than they comprehend its mission or measure its worth. Far from elevating the dramatic art, they retard its progress and bring upon it the reproach of purposeless frivolity. The task of the dramatic artist is not of a trifling nature. It is the purpose of the player to not merely impersonate the creations of poetic genius, but to illuminate them—to make a picture of the dramatist's fancy. Sculpture, painting, music and poetry are all requirements of the dramatic artist who has the highest aspirations.

The temperament must be more or less charged with melody, and there must be not only some knowledge of the arts, but a direct sympathetic feeling for all of them. The true dramatic artist must be upon a mental and sympathetic level with the maker of the character he or she is to perform, or the characterization ceases to possess importance as a contribution to the art products of the time. A difficulty of the player's position is that when we have once made our picture it must remain as it is. We cannot draw a pen through a phrase that proves, upon examination, to have been badly chosen, and cannot point out a blemish upon our canvas, retouching the spot at our leisure. When our portraiture once takes form, it is instantly judged for what it is, not what it may become by revision. The dramatic artist is thus placed at a disadvantage as compared with the workers in other lines of art. It is a great part of our mission to seek out the utmost dramatic possibilities of compositions that have been framed for the stage and bring them to the light. We can hardly expect to accomplish this task with success until we have, by long study and experience, trained our natural qualilies to a knowledge of what dramatic effects really are, and a power to bring them out.

S. J. WILKINSON, Mgr. Local Dramatic Co.
St. Louis, Mo.

HON. CHARLES W. FAIRBANKS,
Chosen by the Legislature to succeed D. W. Voorhees in the U. S. Senate. See 4th page.



WHAT IS HIS POSITION ?

MR. MYERS, OF CLEVELAND, OHIO THE SUBJECT OF MUCH

Discussion—Not an Office Seeker—Why Certain Statements Were Made Public—Latest News From Different Towns.

What I said about Mr. George A. Myers was based upon statements made to me by a man of national reputation, and in whose honor I have a perfect right to believe. Since then I have learned through the Freeman article from the pen of my friehd, Rev. R. Ransom, that there is another side to the question. The statement that Mr. Myers was valet for Mr. Hanna at St. Louis is not denied, but that he is not an office seeker was plainly asserted. From a prominent gentleman of Cleveland I have received like assurances. I make public these statements because it is just to do so. The preponderance of testimony goes to show that Mr. Myers is not after an office, This, however, was an immaterial point. The published statements that the Afro-Americans at St. Louis were forced to reach Mr. Hanna through his valet are contradicted by almost every one who expresses himself on the subject. It is an insult to the race if such a thing did exist. In seeking to place Mr. Myers on a plane with Hon. G. L. Knox, the Rev. M Ransom resorts to a little trick of debate that scarcely becomes a man of his talent. The Hon. Geo. L. Knox should not be dragged into this discussion. He is a public man and is second to no living Afro-American in the contribution he is making to the progress of the race. If comparisons are to be made let such names as shine in the top of the list be coupled with the name of the man to whom The Freeman owes its continued existance. As to Mr. Myers, there is no disgrace in being a valet, but for a valet to be presented as the accepted representative of the Afro-American is a mistake. Again, why should the Hon. Harry A. Smith be made the object of attack? What possible comparison can be found between Mr. Smith and Mr. Myers? Mr. Smith is the editor of a long established Afro-American paper. There can be no higher claim to the respect of the race than the claim each successful Afro-American editor has. More than this the Hon H. C. Smith has attained distinguished place and rendered great public service. Let the friends of Mr. Myers say to him all the good things they can, and let these whose petty ambitions can be satisfied by gifts attainable through a body servant of Mr. Hanna flatter their way into favor. No one will object, but there is objection to the attempt to drag such men as Bishop Arnett, Hon. H. C. Smith, Hon. J. P. Green and others of Ohio down to the level of Mr. Myers.

J. M. HENDERSON, M. D.,
82 Vanderbilt Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

High Normal Notes.

Greenville, Miss., Special.

The Greenville High Normal which was established Sept. 14, '96. with Prof. W. H. Jordan as president, is doing a good work. The good people of Greenville and other places in the "Delta" are showing to Prof. Jordan that they need and appreciate a school of that grade. It is an axiom that the colored man needs the higher education. The Christmas tree at St. Matthew A. M. E. church was largely attended and the presents were carefully selected. A. A. Cosey of the Greenville High Normal, spoke in part as follows: "Miss Williams, ladies and gentlemen: I thank you for the kind terms in which you have been pleased to welcome me I shall speak to you upon the subject Peace. The word peace came from the word paco, meaning to subdue, to pacify etc., so when we speak of bringing or giving peace, we generally mean to settle, to quite or to give ease in some way. When that great man who made peace with a tribe that is known the world over as wanderers, and in a manner civilized them, he wrote his name indelibly upon the pages of history. No place can be happy without peace. Any place is miserable where there is strife. Any place is degrading where there is madness But there is joy where there is gentleness; there is happiness where there is quietness; and there is glory where there is peace. No nation would be in war. No race would be in strife. No community or individual would be in antipathy with others. The very branches of the trees proclaim peace; do they not produce sweet music by their harmony? The lower animals would have peace. Will not the ox drag his load after he has been trained? Will not the horse carry his master after he has been broken? Will not the lion obey his keeper if he is taught? Now were it not for peace these animals would not be controlled by man.

"In the history of this country at certain times and in certain places compulsion was superior. But, look now what a chance! Thank God fire and sword are not ruling. What peace! Now we are assembled to celebrate the beginning of a great character and to indulge again in the recollection of the great event which it is designed to commemorate. I do not know the correct time when this happened; nor do I know the exact place, but thank God we are able to stike at it. And O, what peace did this event bring. Peace to the weary, peace to the troubled breast and peace to the world. And now parents Heaven has lengthened out your lives, that you might see this day. You see your children amuse themselves again with new sets of toys. You have seen them rejoice again over the visiting of Santa Claus. You and Santa Claus have made it so very pleasant for them And, for these things they will bless you for generations to come. And, in the the voice of the children, I say to you, you have done well and we appreciate all that you have done. But boys and girls, our proper business is employment and improvement. In the day of peace, let us do the right and do our best. Our field is broad and our future is bright, but mark you: "Fidere meritis Christiintissimum."

Millville Dots.

Millville, Ark., Special.

Misses Mattie, Effie and Lulu Sharp, of Camden, was up last week visiting their sister Mrs. Mollie Henderson. The wedding of Miss Caroline Robinson and David Q. Hicks, of Fordyce, has been announced; it will take place Jan. 24, afterwhich the couple will make their home at the home of Mr. Hicks, at Fordyce. A number of persons are on the sick list. namely: Willie and Dock Lee, Monroe Greggs, J. H. Morgan, Willie Austin, F. Wright, Willie Davis Dave Brown and F. B. Outlaw. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Murphy a baby girl, mother and baby are doing well. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Dan Williams a baby girl. Will Pipkins has recovered from a recent illness. The little girl of Mr. and Mrs. John Clark is much better. There are a number of children sick with the measles among them are: Robt. Moore and Jos. Brown. Wm. Branch has la grippe.

An Amateur Minstrel.

Newville, Ala., Special.

The Jacksonian Enterprise School gave on the night of Dec. 18 an amateur minstrel concert for the benefit of the school. The audience was favored with the best of music. The greatest feature among the little folks was a mock trial by five little boys. The boys conducted the trial with as much dignity as one would expect to see in a county court. Miss Mary M. Mendheim delivered "Old Aunt Chloe," a selection on matrimony which caused much laughter and applauses. Mr. D. W. Captin led the minstrel performance and acted uncle Ephram well. Both white and colored were present and were well pleased. The boys expect to make it a complete minstrel in the near future. Prof. A. B. Jackson is doing good work in the school. All are lovers of The Freeman.

Personal Mention—Notes.

Misterton, Miss., Special.

The Christmas was a little dull here. Mr. B. J. Hubbard called on a lady friend who defeated him at checkers. He is now practicing preparing to make another call. Our teacher gave a long vacation and spent the holidays at home. He reports a fine time. School is lively now and more coming in. Mr. J. E. Hubbard taught his school nearly all the Christmas. His aim is to enter the State Normal at Holly Springs as soon as possible. Mr. Tyler's family is improving a little. He has moved his corn etc., and will move other things when he can.

LYNCHINGS AND HANGINGS.

THE FORMER SURPASSED THE LATTER IN 1896.

Figures Showing That the Illegal Executions Outnumbered the Legal by Nine—Records Show a Steady Decrease of Late.

Judge Lynch has executed 131 persons—130 men and one woman—during 1896, or 40 less than in 1895. As the record of mob-murders is now attracting the attention not only of moral workers, but Legislatures, the following table of lynchings through a series of years, showing a steady decrease of late, as prepared by the Chicago Tribune, will be of interest:

1885	184	1891	192
1886	138	1892	235
1887	122	1893	200
1888	142	1894	190
1889	176	1895	171
1890	127	1896	131

The lynchings in the various States and Territories were distributed as follows:

Alabama	15	Mississippi	6
Arkansas	4	Missouri	5
Colorado	4	New York	1
Florida	10	North Carolina	1
Georgia	9	South Carolina	1
Illinois	1	Tennessee	14
Indiana	1	Texas	7
Kentucky	9	West Virginia	1
Louisiana	25	Indian Territory	4
Maryland	2	Oklahoma	6
Minnesota	2		

Of these lynchings 122 occurred in the South and nine in the North. Of the total number eighty were Negroes and fifty-one whites. The detailed list is as follows:

JANUARY.

4—Andrew Brown, colored, cattle stealing. Sampson County Mississippi.

8—Frank Simpson, colored, rape, Lexington, Tenn.

8—Harrison Fuller, colored, rape, Lexington, Tenn.

10—George H. Smith, murder, Ransomville, N. Y.

10—A. L. Smart, colored, murder, near Monroe, La.

12—Patrick Morris, miscegenation, near New Orleans, La.

12—Mrs. Patrick Morris, miscegenation, near New Orleans, La.

13—Harry Jordan, colored, murder, Alachua, Fla.

15—Thomas Foley, highwayman, Fort Holmes, Ok.

15—"Wild Horse," highwayman Fort Holmes, Ok.

15—Marina, Indian, highwayman, Fort Holmes, Ok.

15—Unknown man, highwayman, Fort Holmes, Ok.

18—Unknown Negro, assault, Mitlasville, Ga.

24—John Massengle, murder, Walden's Ridge, Tenn.

28—Alexander Jones, colored, murder, Bluefield, W. Va.

FEBRUARY.

9—Henry Blake, illicit distilling, Georgia.

10—Joseph Leeds, attempted assault, Seddon, Ala.

12—Grant Atterbury, murder, Sullivan, Ill.

17—Fount Martin, barn burning, Monticello, Ky.

17—Robert Wilson, murder, Montgomery, Ala.

26—Younger Lewis, robbery and murder, Wichita Falls, Tex.

26—Foster Crawford, Wichita Falls, Tex., robbery and murder.

29—Paul Frances, robbery and assault, St. James Parish, La.

29—Gilbert Frances, robbery and assault, St. James Parish, La.

29—Melville Kennedy, colored, alleged rape, Windsor S. C.

MARCH.

16—Bud Love, colored, robbery, Rayville, La.

22—William Murphy, murder, Huntsville, Tenn.

23—Isaac Pizer, colored, attempted rape, near Shreveport, La.

24—Louis Senegal, colored, rape, Carencro, La.

APRIL.

3—Harvey Maybery, colored, rape, Tupelo, Miss.

12—Reddick Adams, colored, murder, Seale, Ala.

15—Samuel Covington, murder, Central City, Col.

17—York Douglass, colored, incendarism, near McMinnville, Tenn.

17—John Jones, colored, rape, Mormon Springs, Miss.

18—Starling Savage, by moonshiners, Irving College, Tenn.

19—Jefferson Gardner, colored, rape. Warren, Ark.

20—John Van Brunt, disorderly conduct, Deland, Fla.

22—Robert Chambers, colored, incendiarism, Cranberry, N. C.

23—Thomas Price, colored, assault, Westville, S. C.

26—William Hillis, murder, Shellsford, Tenn.

26—Victor Hillis, murder, Shellsford, Tenn.

27—C. H. Givens, murder, Dandrige, Tenn.

MAY.

3—William Benby, colored, murder, Beaumont, Tex.

7—Charles Jones, colored, without cause, Maccleny, Fla.

7—Mason Harris, colored, without cause, Macclenny, Fla.

9—Edden W. Williams, incest, Manitou, Ala.

11—Haary Wilson, unknown offense, Madison Co., Fla.

11— ——Murray, unknown offense, Madison Co., Fla.

Unknown Negro, murder, Fulton, Ky.

12—William Hardee, colored, assault, Nichols, Ga.

19—Joseph Dazzele, colored, attempted rape, St. Bernard Parish, La.

21—Unknown Negro, rape, Bossier Parish, La.

JUNE.

1—Jesse Slayton, colored, rape, Columbus, Ga.

1—William Miles, colored, rape, Columbus, Ga.

10—Louis Whitehead, colored, rape, Bryan, Tex.

10—George I. Johnson, colored, rape, Bryan, Tex.

10—James Reddick, colored, rape, Bryan, Tex.

12—Samuel Clay, colored, attempted rape, Martin, Tenn.

12—Walter Starks, colored, rape, Baldwin, La.

20—Leon Orr, colored, rape, Hartsell, Ala.

24—William Westmoreland, colored, murder, Montgomery, Ala.

27—Joseph Cocking, murder, La Plata, Mo.

27—Perry Young, colored, rape, Winona, Miss.

30—Cecil Wayland, rape, Hannibal, Mo.

30—Unknown Negro, rape, near Trenton, Tenn.

JULY.

4—Sidney Randolph, colored, murder, Rockville, Md.

6—Jacob Williams, colored, rape Madison Co., Fla.

6—Nimrod Cross, colored, rape, Sardis, Tenn.

6—Unknown Negro, rape, Lincoln Co., S. C.

13—James Porter, colored. murder, Minden, La.

13—Monk Dualey, colored, murder. Minden, La.

13—Courtney Kendrick, colored, murderous assault, Monroe, La.

14—Three unknown horse thieves, Reagan, I. T.

15—Frank James, colored, murder, Bayou Sara, La.

18—Daniel Dicks, colored, rape, Ellentown, S. C.

27—Isaac McGee, colored, rape, Homer, La.

27—Martin Crawford, attempted rape, near Tipton, Mo.

31—Godfrey Gould, colored, rape, Clarendon, Ark.

AUGUST.

1—Isadore Morley, colored, attempted murder, near Selma, Ala.

1—William Hunter, colored, attempted murder near Selma, Ala.

3—Louis P. Mullens, attempted rape. Bunkie, La.

5—Hiram Weightman colored, murder, Franklin, La.

9—Lorenzo Saladino, murder, Hahnville, La.

9—Decimo Socero, murder, Hahnville, La.

9—Angelo Marcuso, murder, Hahnville, La.

13—Benjamin Gay, colored, arson, Hopkins Co., Tex.

SEPTEMBER.

4—Thomas Larkin, rape, Rhineland, Mo.

10—Two tramps, murder, Glencoe, Minn.

14—Thomas White, colored, unknown cause, Aurora, Ky.

16—James McCauly, colored, rape, Monroe, La.

16—Lem Warren, colored, rape, Terrell Co., Ga.

16—B. S. Morris, colored, murder, Watonga, Ok.

19—Elmer Coax, murder, Pawnee, Ok.

23—Charles Harris, colored, rape, near Deland, Fla.

23—Anthony Johnson, colored, rape, Deland, Fla.

24—Alexander Hawkins, colored, slapping a child, Gretna, La.

27—John Fitch, colored, attempted rape, Chapel Hill, Ala.

27—Harris Boone, colored, shooting at officer, Sparta, Ga.

OCTOBER.

7—Charles Williams, colored, murder, Monte, Ga.

8—Louis Hamilton, colored, arson, Bossier Point, La.

10—James Anderson colored, alleged murder, Taylor's Ferry, Ala.

10—Henry Cyat, colored, alleged murder, Taylor's Ferry, Ala.

12—Unknown Negro, murder, Toadvine, Ala.

14—Unknown Negro, murder, Toadvine, Ala.

14—George Harris, bank robbery, Meeker, Col.

14—William Smith, bank robbery, Meeker, Col.

Charles Jones, bank robbery, Meeker, Col.

15—Henry Milner, colored, rape, Griffin, Ga.

21—Negro, murder, Sunnyside, Miss.

21—John Hollinghead, for turning State's evidence, Washington Co., Ala.

NOVEMBER.

15—Charles Allen, colored, rape, McKenzie, Tenn.

16— ——Williams, rape, Carbon, Ind.

18—Mims Collier, colored, attempted rape, Steenston, Miss.

19—Sam'l McDonald, colored, threats, Huntingdon, Tenn.

28—Alfred Daniels, arson, Gainesville, Fla.

DECEMBER.

6—Jessie Winner, murder, Lexington, Mo.

6—James Nelson, murder, Lexington, Mo.

7—William Wardly, colored, passing counterfeit money, Irondale, Ala.

9—"Crazy Jim," colored, murder, Melton, Ark.

17—Unknown Negro, murder, near Pine Bluff, Ark.

18—Dink Proctor, murder, Russellville, Ky.

18—Arch Proctor. murder, Russellville, Ky.

19—William Proctor, murder, Russellville, Ky.

21—James Stone, colored, rape, Mayfield, Ky.

22—Joseph James, colored, rape, Woodstock, Ala.

22—Jerry Burke, colored, attempted murder, Clio, La.

26—Albert Holt, colored, murder, Owensboro, Ky.

The nnmber of legal executions in 1896 was 122, as compared with 132 in 1895, 132 in 1894, 126 in 1893, and 107 in 1892. The executions in the several States and Territories were as follows:

Alabama	8	Nebraska	1
Arkansas	17	New York	5
California	6	North Carolina	1
Colorado	4	Ohio	1
Connecticut	1	Oregon	2
Georgia	4	Pennsylvania	5
Idaho	1	South Carolina	1
Illinois	8	Tennessee	2
Kentucky	5	Texas	11
Louisiana	5	Utah	2
Maryland	2	Virginia	6
Massachusetts	1	Washington	1
Minnesota	1	Dist. of Columbia	2
Mississippi	3	New Mexico	2
Missouri	5	Indian Territory	8
Montana	2		

There were 83 executed in the Southern and 39 in the Northern States. Of the total number, 70 were whites, 48 Negroes, and 4 Indians.

A Centenarian's Demise.

Eufaula, Ala., Special.

Mrs. Prissie Daniels, one of the oldest members of the Baptist church, died here Dec. 31st. She was 106 years of ago. Her funeral was attended from the Baptist church by Rev. J. W. Jackson. The A. M. E. Sunday school had a Christmas tree Christmas night. The exercises by the children were carried out nicely under the management of Miss L. A. Dismukes. Mrs. Hettie Lockhart died Friday morning, the 1st. She was one of the oldest members of the St. Lukes' A. M. E. church. The funeral took place from the church on the 2d, Rev. Banton, officiating. The Good Shephard society were in attendance. The Baptist Sunday school made a Christmas house Christmas night, also appropriate exercises. Prof. S. M. Murphy, principal of the public school, has purchased a nice hack line. Will Boins is the hackman. On the 30th ult., Mrs. M. C. Chishlom and Ben. Turner were married at the home of the bride's parents, Rev. M. C. Banton, officiating. Covenant meeting last Sabbath at the Baptist church, was largely attended. A large and appreciative audience greeted the pastor, Rev. Banton, at St. Luke A. M. E. church. The sermon at 11 a. m. was very instructive and very well received. The Lord's Supper was administered at the Methodist and Baptist churches last Sabbath night. Miss Josephine Johnson, of Albany, Ga., is in the city, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Wade. Thos. Edmonson left on the 1st for Nashville, Tenn., where he will enter school. Jake Jackson is able to be at his post again. Mrs. Harriet Alexander died here suddenly Saturday, the 26th ult. The funeral was conducted at the Baptist church, Rev. J. W. Jackson officiating. The A. M. E. Sabbath school opens every Sunday morning at 9:30; church services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Everybody welcome. Mrs. A. B Raines is quite sick. Nelson Thompson is in the city visiting relatives. Rev. John Harmon, the excellent pastor of St. John A. M. E. church, is doing a good work for the upbuilding of the above named church. St. John A. M. E. Sunday school had an Xmas tree and nice exercises. Every colored family in Eufaula should subscribe for The Freeman, only $1 a year. Call on the agent, W. H. Wallace, and give him your subscription. If you want to know what is going on in Eufaula, you should subscribe for The Freeman, the best colored journal published. Hand your local news to the agent of The Freeman Copies on sale at John Ward's restaurant and C. P. Cain's grocery store on Eufaula street.

Holiday Happenings.

Shelbyville, Tenn., Special.

Ed. Russell and Miss Tennie Gant were married during the holidays. John Thompson and Miss Mary Wooly spent the holidays in Chattanooga. C. Henry Donnell has returned home. Mrs. Annie McFadden of Chattanooga spent the holidays with her mother. E. L. Peacock has gone traveling. The Emancipation celebration at Mt. Zion church was a success. Miss Mollie Floyd is quite sick with consumption! Miss Mary Crowell is attending school here. The Sunday school at Woodfork Chapel has taken on new life since Rev. B. A. J. Nixon has taken hold. In fact all the churches are doing well. Rev. H. E. Harris of the Baptist church is an indefatigable worker and is continually building up his church. Rev. J. W. Richmond is the most popular preacher in town. His church is in better condition than ever before in its history. Rev. Nixon has organized a Christian Endeavor Society.

"Land and a Living."

Write to W. C. Rinearson, General Pass'r Agent Queen & Crescent Route, Cincinnati, for a copy of the new book "Land and a Living." Cheap farms in the South. No sunstrokes. No blizzards. Low railroad rates twice each month. Printed matter free.

Now is the time to subscribe. Only $1.00 per year.

THE FREEMAN!

THE LEADER OF

NEGRO JOURNALS

AND THE ONLY NATIONAL NEGRO

JOURNAL!

PUBLISHED IN AMERICA, IS ONLY

$1.00 A YEAR.

Until January 30th.

THE FREEMAN

FOR THE YEAR

1897

WILL SUSTAIN HER

PAST RECORD!

AND WILL BE THE LEADING,

Fearless Defender

OF THE

NEGRO RACE!

14 DAYS!

ONLY REMAIN TO SECURE

THE FREEMAN

FOR THE SMALL SUM OF

$1 A YEAR

Read The Freeman.

BUGGIES, Carts, Surries, Phætons, Spring Wagons, Harness and Saddles shipped C. O. D. anywhere to anyone with privilege to examine at lowest wholesale prices. Guaranteed as represented or money refunded. Send for illustrated catalog and testimonials Free. Addr. (in full) CASH BUYERS' UNION, 158 W. Van Buren St., B-170 CHICAGO

Mention The Freeman.

PATENTS

Promptly secured. Trade-Marks, Copyrights and Labels registered. Twenty-five years experience. We report whether patent can be secured or not, free of charge. Our fee not due until patent is allowed. 32 page Book Free. H. B. WILLSON & CO., Attorneys at Law, Opp. U. S. Pat. Office. WASHINGTON, D. C.

Mention The Freeman.

Dr. Kay's Lung Balm for coughs, colds and thrort diseases.

Drummers' Yarns.

Containing all the latest "good things" picked up here and there by our COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS.

If any one can give you "*the latest*," it is the drummer. Coursing the country over, and possessing a prodigious personal acquaintance amongst railroad conductors, hotel clerks, and salesmen, not to speak of his own brotherhood, he has special opportunities for the collection of rare anecdotes.

This collection of Humor is by one of the Funniest Drummers on the "road," and he has requested us not to publish his name, for various reasons. Imagine all the laughable stories told on the Road, to pass away the time, collected together and published in a large, handsome volume, illustrated with most funny engravings, and you will have a fair idea of the book. This book contains 112 pages. Humorous lithograph cover. Size 7 X 10 inches. Price 25 cts., post-paid.

Sent FREE to every person sending us $1.00 for one year's subscription.

WONDERFUL DISCOVERY

Curly Hair Made Straight By

TAKEN FROM LIFE. BEFORE AND AFTER TREATMENT.

OZONIZED OX MARROW

(COPYRIGHTED.)

This wonderful hair pomade is the only safe preparation in the world that makes kinky hair straight as shown above. It renders the hair soft, pliable and silky, and by nourishing the roots imparts new life and vigor. Elegantly perfumed. Ozonized Ox Marrow is manufactured only by The Ozonized Ox Marrow Co. (formerly Buck & Rayner). Their reputation is a guarantee that it is perfectly pure and harmless. Beware of imitations. Get the genuine as it never fails. A toilet necessity for ladies and gentlemen. Thousands who have used our original Ozonized Ox Marrow testify to its superior merits. Full directions with every bottle. Price only 50 cents per bottle. Sold by all dealers in first-class toilet goods, or we will send you, express paid, 3 bottles for $1.40 or 6 for $2.50. Always inclose a post-office money order, as we do not send goods C. O. D. Write your address and name plainly. Address

OZONIZED OX MARROW CO.,

15 Washington St., Chicago.

Do not be deceived by alluring advertisements and think you can get the best made, finest finish and MOST POPULAR SEWING MACHINE for a mere song. Buy from reliable manufacturers that have gained a reputation by honest and square dealing. There is none in the world that can equal in mechanical construction, durability of working parts, fineness of finish, beauty in appearance, or has as many improvements as the NEW HOME.

WRITE FOR CIRCULARS.

The New Home Sewing Machine Co.

ORANGE, MASS. BOSTON, MASS. 28 UNION SQUARE, N.Y. CHICAGO, ILL. ST. LOUIS, MO. DALLAS, TEXAS. SAN FRANCISCO, CAL. ATLANTA, GA.

FOR SALE BY

Wm. Kaiser, 654 Virginia avenue.

CLAIRVOYANT.

Mrs. E. Parry, the Powerful Medium, a specialist in all mysteries—can tell the whereabouts of criminals.

Hidden Treasures Revealed!

Strayed or stolen stock found—the most daring robbers exposed. CAN TELL YOU of your past, present and future life, business, love and marriage—if the girl you call on is true or not, her name, color, number of shoe worn, or if she is in love with another. If you want free questions answered, send 25 cents and a minute of your church. To pastors—Will answer free for minute of church and 25 cents.

Price $1.00 (one dollar). No correspondence answered without stamps.

MRS. E. PARRY,

NEWPORT, : ARKANSAS.

LAND AND A LIVING

Home-Seekers' excursion tickets via the Queen & Crescent Route to all points south of Somerset, Ky., in Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, North and South Carolina; all points on Q. & C. Route in Louisiana and to certain points in Georgia and Florida at about one fare the round trip from Cincinnati, on the first and third Tuesdays each month.

Stopovers allowed on going trip, in home-seekers' territory.

One-way settlers' tickets to southern points on same dates at half the usual rates.

Land $3.00 to $5.00 an acre. Good schools and churches. Write for maps and books to W. C. Rinearson, Gen'l Pass'r Agt., Cincinnati, O.

QUEEN & CRESCENT ROUTE

The COAST LINE to MACKINAC

TAKE THE D&C

TO MACKINAC DETROIT PETOSKEY CHICAGO

2 New Steel Passenger Steamers

The Greatest Perfection yet attained in Boat Construction—Luxurious Equipment, Artistic Furnishing, Decoration and Efficient Service, insuring the highest degree of COMFORT, SPEED AND SAFETY.

FOUR TRIPS PER WEEK BETWEEN

Toledo, Detroit and Mackinac

PETOSKEY, "THE SOO," MARQUETTE, AND DULUTH.

LOW RATES to Picturesque Mackinac and Return, including Meals and Berths. From Cleveland, $18; from Toledo, $15; from Detroit, $13.50.

EVERY EVENING

Between Detroit and Cleveland

Connecting at Cleveland with Earliest Trains for all points East, South and Southwest and at Detroit for all points North and Northwest.

Sunday Trips June, July, August and September Only.

EVERY DAY BETWEEN

Cleveland, Put-in-Bay and Toledo

Send for Illustrated Pamphlet. Address

A. A. SCHANTZ, G. P. A., DETROIT, MICH.

The Detroit and Cleveland Steam Nav. Co.

CREOLE BRAIDS

Sent to any part of the United States. Send sample of hair.

PERFECT MATCH GUARANTEED.

PRICE $1.50.

Address: The Bates Barber Shop,

Indianapolis, : : : : : Indiana

50 YEARS' EXPERIENCE.

PATENTS

TRADE MARKS, DESIGNS, COPYRIGHTS &c.

Anyone sending a sketch and description may quickly ascertain, free, whether an invention is probably patentable. Communications strictly confidential. Oldest agency for securing patents in America. We have a Washington office.

Patents taken through Munn & Co. receive special notice in the

SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN,

beautifully illustrated, largest circulation of any scientific journal, weekly, terms $3.00 a year; $1.50 six months. Specimen copies and HAND BOOK ON PATENTS sent free. Address

MUNN & CO.,

361 Broadway, New York.

SMOKE THE CELEBRATED

BOARD OF TRADE.

NOW HAND MADE

Long Havanna Filler, T. J. Hamilton, Manufacturer

Office and saleroom, 43 Kentucky Ave. Factory, 177 W. Maryland street

LEWIS & CO.,

RACE BOOK SELLERS.

Joining the Navy.
The Black Phalanx.
Paul Dunbar's Works.
The Virginia Plantation.
A Brave Black Regiment.
The Life of Frederick Douglass.
Brook's History of Odd Fellows.
Johnson's History of the Negro Race.
The A. M. E. Church Review (Quarterly.
Evidences of Progress Among Colored People.
—By Richings.

Books, like friends, if few, should be well chosen.

Put a Race Book in Your Library.

Place your order with us for any race publication before the public. Write to us for information.

Agents Wanted Everywhere.

LEWIS & CO.

172 N. Capital Avenue

Indianapolis, Ind., U. S. A.

B. Square's Bluster.

A friend of mine—a friend in the full meaning of the word "friend"--who is a plain, outspoken critic, says that when I start to write upon a subject, idea, theory or fact, that I keep on harping upon the same until both it and I get to be a public nuisance. He may be right, then again he may be wrong; any way, right or wrcng, I am not through with the "business" Negro. One more truth about the business (?) "brother in black," and then I am done. (Let me here say between the lines, that I know that six "business" colored gentlemen, who have not lived up to their agreement with me, will secretly conclude that I am referring to them. They are right and they are wrong. They are not the only Afro-Americans in the wood pile—there are others.) It is my intention to devote this paragraph to another peculiarity of the Negro; the Negro in general, and the "business" Negro in particular. It is a peculiarity of the "business" Negro to let business obligations and business promises "go by default." Examples: One year ago when Mr. George A. Corprew and I were doing general agent business under the firm name of "Corprew & Hodges, general agents, 13 University Place, New York City," we received an order for $287 worth of goods in a certain line from a colored merchant and "business" man in Savannah, Ga. The good were of a kind that were not sold in his city, and he (apparently from his order) was far seeing enough to know if he handled the goods he would make about 200 per cent. He ordered the goods to be shipped at once, upon receipt of his order, "C. O. D." Corprew wanted to do so, but I, claiming to be a novelists (as well as a business man), who had made a study of "my people," told him that as we would have to buy the goods and pay at least $200 cold cash, and could not return the goods if they were not taken by our "business" Negro in Georgia, to leave it to me. He did so. I wrote the colored merchant that the goods would be shipped on time for his trade for the same. I received a reply that he did not want the goods for three weeks. Upon receipt of said letter, I wrote as if I had not received the same, that goods would be sent at once upon receipt of a postal card from him before a stated date. We have not heard from him from that day to this. He let the order "go by default." Cause: He concluded that he could not sell the goods; was not man enough to countermand the order, and knew or concluded that we would not send the goods if we did not hear from him by the stated time. Suppose we had been fools enough after his first communication to have purchased the goods, we would have been a cold $200 out of pocket.

Example No. 2: One year ago I wrote to a certain "business" Negro with whom I had had business relations, that I could not devote my time to his business for the pay I was getting; that I had employment offered of a strictly literary nature that would pay me better for the year 1896, but that I preferred to remain in his employment for the three days of the week (the other three days being taken up for years in another business) for a small advance, and asked for a reply before a stated time. I never got the reply. He let it "go by default." He concluded that it would not pay him to give me the advance and was not man enough to say so.

Example third: Not many moons ago I was interested in a prospective Negro venture where the service of a high grade colored lady of education and refinement was needed. I talked with one, told her the nature of the work that would be required of her (typewriting, book keeping, etc) and asked her to state her price by a certain date. She was fully capable of filling the position, but had never done the grade of work for pay, and did not know what to charge, so she went out of town and wrote me word that she would take the position and leave the pay to me. Now, I am always a business man when doing business, and if a person feels able to do one hundred dollars worth of work for ten dollars, I will let them do it. On the other hand, if they charge two hundred dollars for one hundred dollars worth of work, I am not too modest to say that it is too much and that I will not pay it, even if it is my brother. I wrote to the young Miss, saying that she must state her price by a certain date and that she need hardly have any fear about getting her price. She did not know what to charge for the work, so she let the matter "go by default," and never answered my letter.

Example fourth and last: Two years ago I wrote to a "personal friend" of color for a six month's lone of a few hundred dollars to aid me in the publication of one of the several books I had ready for print. I wanted the cash in nineteen days. He knew I was good for the amount or would be when the note fell due. He either did not have the money or did not care to let me have it, and was not man enough to come out and say so. He therefore, let the matter "go by default," and never answered until thirty days, and then wrote a lie. He said that he had been sick and had just received my letter and was sorry that it was too late to help me. He would only been too glad, etc. I wrote him by return mail that it was not too late; that it was never too ltae to aid a friend or to do good. I have not heard from him from that day until this. Comment? None is needed.

***

By-the-way, every city reader of The Freeman in every city, no matter where the city is located, North, South, East or West, should carefully read the Indianapolis "Swamp Angel on the Wing" paragraphs. Mothers with young daughters should read them twice.

***

I understand that my old friend, Rev. W. R. Lawton, is going to accept a call from the Ninth Presbyterian church of Indianapolis. If case he does, it will be Brooklyn's great loss and Indianaplis' gain. I started to say I hope the report is untrue.

***

Colored merchants, colored hotel keepers and business men, in all parts of the United States, who know the value of advertising, would do well to write at once to Augustus M. Hodges, 582 Warren street, Brookly, N. Y., for special terms in a high classed Negro magazine, soon to make its bow to the public, and circulate from Maine to Texas, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and--moreover, one that will be "here to stay" without fail.

***

What of the future? I have just read the able articles in the holiday issue of The Freeman. They are from the pens of some of the leading and most eminent writers and thinkers of the race. They are upon almost all of the leading subjects of the hour and day. What will the outcome be? What advancement will the race have made during the year of 1897? How nearer will we be to the solution of the Negro Problem at the close of 1897? How much more wealth will we have? How much more political recognition? How many more business Negroes? How many more houses and farms owned by colored Americans? How many more black tradesmen? How many black "Merchant Princeses?" How many more high class newspapers and magazines? How many more up-to-date progressive men and women? Are questions only the close of the year 1897 can answer.

***

Do all in your power to make the year 1897 be the best, brightest and most progressive in the history of the American Negro.

***

By-the-way, what has become of Dr. "Open Letter" Henderson and Reuben Ray? The readers of The Freeman during the past were amused by the former and instructed by the other. Where are they?

***

New Years' is as far off as it was twelve months from to-night (Jan. 2d). A year makes many changes. Where will the writer and the reader be twelve months from to-night? If numbered with those who have been, what foot prints to our credit will we have left behind?

B. SQUARE.

"The Wedding Bells are Ringing."

Leadville. Colo., Special.

Little Hezakiah Smith departed her life on the 6th and was buried from the A. M. E. church on the 7th. Rev. J. T. Smith officiating. Rev. Mrs. J. T. Smith who went to Colorado Springs to improve her health, has returned. Mrs. Vantired and baby of Denver, is in the city spending some time with her husband. Mrs. Dryor and grand children enroute from Cannon City, to Cal., spent several days in our city visiting her daughter, Mrs. Susan Anderson. The entertainment given by Ada Court on the 14th, was a success both socially and financially. Mrs. Henrietta Prince has recovered from her recent illness. Married at the A. M. E. parsonage by Rev. J. T. Smith on the 14th, Mrs. Ellen Copeland to Mr. John Williams, both persons are residents of the city and are well known. Invitations are out for the marriage of Miss M. V. Molead of this city to Rev. Charles Smith of Aspen, Jan. 6th. Married at the residence of the groom on the 6th by Rev. J. T. Smith, Mrs. Fannie Roberson to Mr. T. S. Stewart of this city. The oyster supper given by company B. on Christmas night at the residence of Mrs. Sopha Anderson was a success. Mrs. M. J. Mottey went to Silverton on the 26th. Miss Hattie Green of Denver, is the guest of Mrs. Sopha Anderson. The protracted meeting commenced at A. M. E. church Jan. 4th, and Rev. J. T. Smith will be assisted by Elder J. Watson of Colorado Springs.

Morris Brown College.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.

Morris Brown College is most fortunate in its supervision and this institution which is the pride of the Negroes of Georgia, and indeed, of the South, is steadily advancing to the very first rank of colored institutions of higher learning. No better combination of Negroes can be found that Bishop H. M. Turner and Dr. James M. Henderson who are at the head of Morris Brown College.

A. J. J.

Many subscribers' time expired the first of the year. We will continue to send papers during this month, but all delinquent names will be dropped after that date. Do not wait, but send us $1 and secure The Freeman for 52 weeks.

Race Gleanings.

Booker T. Washington's name appears in the Oberlin College lecture course for 1897.

***

Joseph Mackey, a colored Republican, will be an applicant for appointment as postmaster at Richmond, Ky.

***

Amanda Smith, the colored evangelist, is laboring to establish an Orphan's Home for colored children near Chicago. Her address is 2940 South Park avenue, Chicago.

***

The Richmond, Va., Beneficial and Insurance Company (colored), donated $100 cash to the Virginia University and have promised financial aid to the Virginia Seminary at Lynchburg.

***

Mrs. V. W. Braughton, of Memphis, Editor of the Woman's Messenger, has been appointed Chairman of the Committee on Education for the Woman's Department in the Tennesse Centennial.

***

The colored people of Baltimore, Md., have 12 lawyers, 13 physicians, 1 bank, 1 drug store, 22 grocery stores, 42 churches, 4 newspapers, 1 college, 2 normal schools, 1 manual training school, 1 hospital, and a number of charitable institutions. The colored population is 85,000.

***

Houston Tex., is noted for wealthy and intelligent Afro-Americans. Prof. Hardy has recently opened up a first class restaurant for our people. He is quite wealthy. He owns 75 rent houses in the city of Houston from which he receives over $300 per month. He employes about ten men.

***

J. R. Smithea, at the corner of 20th Ave., and Lafayette street, and John R. Jackson, at No. 1964 Park Ave., Denver, Colo., are doing good business in coal, wood, hay and grain. They have been established several months and each has the general trade of his neighborhood their white patrons out-numbering the colored.

***

Little Rock, Ark., has a colored jockey formerly known as Lonney Clayton. He has won many notable contests, and is considered the foremost in his line of business. He is one of the most enterprising citizens of Little Rock and is a credit to his race. Not long ago he finished his family residence which cost him six thousand dollars and it is a veritable little palace. At the present time he is giving his spare hours to the superintending of a large store on the corner of Vine and Newbon avenue which is being built at a cost of $25,000. Later he will improve another corner with an $8,000 building.

***

The oldest drayman in Lexington, Ky., is William Wiles, a colored man. He is in his 83d year, and has driven a dray in that city thirty-five years. Uncle Billy bought himself, and has a receipt for the money. He was the slave of George I. Brown of Jessamine county. As was the custom, he first had to buy his 'time' from the owner, and then speculate on his work for other people. The price put on his time was $125 a year. This was liberal. He went to work with a vim, and at the end of four years had paid the $500 for his time and saved $400. The latter was the price at which he was offered for sale. He paid the $400 and now has the receipt for it."

Notes of Interest.

Richmond, Ind., Special.

Miss Priscilla Clark, who has been spending a few weeks with relatives at Muncie, Ind., has returned. Mrs. Utley has returned from a very pleasant trip to Chicago. Miss Sophie Thomas of Xenia, O., is the guest of Mrs. John A. Goens. Mr. and Mrs. Goggins of Chicago, are visiting their mother and father Rev. and Mrs. Townsend. Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Spinner who have been spending the holidays in Indianapolis, have returned. Mr. Robert Jones will leave Tuesday morning for a three weeks visit to his parents in Virginia. Miss Sadie Clark who has been visiting friends in Fountain City has returned. Mr. George Conrad, who has been spending a few days with relatives and friends in this city has returned to Oberlin College. Miss Ralston spent Christmas at Xenia, O. Miss Birdie Poston spent Christmas with her parents in Morning Sun, O. The entertainment given by the Married Ladies League at the G. A. R. hall on New Years night was largely attended. The Mt. Moriah Baptist Sunday school gave their annual Chsistmas tree New Years night.

Emancipation Celebration.

Mt. Tabor, S. C., Special.

Emancipation day was celebrated at Mt. Boulwell with quite a success. The program was as follows: J.F.D. McMahan, welcome address; Perry Daverson, "Heart Culture;" J. J. Kinard, "Get there and stay there;" E. Reid, "Education;" E. J. Harris was orator of the day. Among the ladies who spoke were Misses Clara Palmer and Bessie E. McMahan. Miss Belle Jordan gave a New Years entertainment on the 1st.

THE BIG FOUR
—TO—
FLORIDA.

BEST LINE FROM
CHICAGO AND THE NORTHWEST
ST. LOUIS, PEORIA,
WEST AND NORTHWEST.
INDIANAPOLIS AND POINTS
IN INDIANA AND MICHIGAN.
DETROIT AND TOLEDO,
THE LAKE REGION.
BUFFALO, CLEVELAND,
COLUMBUS, SPRINGFIELD,
DAYTON and all points in OHIO,
—VIA—
Cincinnati or Louisville.
Only one change of Cars.

Elegant Vestibuled Trains of Buffet Parlor Cars, Wagner Sleeping Cars and Dining Cars.

Direct Connections with Through Trains of the Queen & Crescent Route and Louisville & Nashville Ry., without transfer.

TOURIST RATES IN EFFECT.

E. O. McCormick, Pass. Traf. Mgr. D. B. Martin, Genl. P. & T. Agt.

Chichester's English Diamond Brand.
PENNYROYAL PILLS

Original and Only Genuine.
SAFE, always reliable. LADIES ask Druggist for *Chichester's English Diamond Brand* in Red and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with blue ribbon. Take no other. *Refuse dangerous substitutions and imitations.* At Druggists, or send 4c. in stamps for particulars, testimonials and "Relief for Ladies," *in letter*, by return Mail. 10,000 Testimonials. *Name Paper.*
Chichester Chemical Co., Madison Square, Philada., Pa.
Sold by all Local Druggists.

TO Chicago, The West And the Northwest,

MONON ROUTE
LOUISVILLE NEW ALBANY & CHICAGO RY. CO.

Time Table in Effect Sept. 13.

3 DAILY TRAINS
LEAVE INDIANAPOLIS
7:00 A. M. 3:35 P. M. 12:55 Nignt
ARRIVE CHICAGO
12:00 Noon, 8:20 p. m. 7:20 a. m.

Lv. Chicago 2:45 a. m. 11:50 a. m. 8:58 p. m.
Arr. Indianapolis 7:45 a. m. 4:37 p. m. 3:30 a. m.
Indianapolis Sleeper Returns on 2:45 a. m. train.

Shortest and Fastest Line.
Latest Equipment. Always Up-to-Date."

Ticket Offices: 2 West Washington Street, Union Station and Massachusetts Ave, Depot.
GEO. W. HAYLER, Dist. Pass. Agt.

CINCINNATI HAMILTON & DAYTON RY.
CH&D
CINCINNATI
INDIANAPOLIS CHICAGO DAYTON TOLEDO DETROIT

THE PULLMAN CAR LINE BETWEEN
Indianapolis and Cincinnati. The favorite Line with through Dining Car.
CHC AGO and CINCINNATI
ST. LOUIS and CINCINNATI.

Best line to Cincinnati, Dayton, Lima, Toledo, Detroit and Canada. Through cars between Decatur, Springfield, Quincy, Keokuk and Cincinnati. Pullman Sleepers on night and Palace Parlor Cars on day trains. Direct connection without transfer in Cincinnati for points in Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Florida and the South.

Washington, Philadelphia, New York
—AND THE EAST—

Ask for tickets and see that they read "via C. H. & D." On sale everywhere. Ticket Office No. 2 W. Washington St.
GEO. W. HAYLER, D. P. A. Indianapolis, Ind.
D. G. EDWARDS, P. T. M.,
C. G. WALDO, G. M., Cincinnati, O.

—TRAVEL—
VIA THE
MONON ROUTE
LOUISVILLE, NEW ALBANY & CHICAGO RY.
THE SHORT LINE TO
CHICAGO,
Milwaukee, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Duluth Omaha, Denver, San Francisco, Portland, Seattle, Tacoma, Los Angeles, Spakane Falls, Helena and all points in
WEST AND NORTHWEST.

The only line running Solid Pullman Perfected Safety Vestibuled Train. The only line running Dining Cars between Indianapolis and Chicago. Magnificent Pullman Sleeping and Parlor Cars. For rates, maps, time tables, etc. apply to GEO. W. HAYLER, D. P. A. No. 2 W. Wash-st. cor. Meridian-st.
FRANK J. REED, G. P. A., Chicago, Ill.

SHORTHAND BY MAIL Thoroughly taught by reporters. Best standard system. Terms reasonable. Catalogue and first lesson free. JOHN G. HENDERSON, Principal, POTT'S SHORTHAND COLLEGE, WILLIAMSPORT, PA. Mention The Freeman.

A positive cure for all coughs and lagrippe without causing nausea.
Dr. Kay's Lung Balm.
Price 25cts. Sent by mail by Dr. B. J. Kay Medical Co., Omaha, Neb. Send for booklet.
SOLD BY DRUGGISTS.
H. C. Pomeroy, opp post office, Indianapolis.

THE MEDICAL SCHOOL
OF THE NEW
ORLEANS UNIVERSITY ADMITS
Men and Women of all Races.
$30. Seventh Year, opens Sept., 16th.
Well Equipped, Thorough Instruction.
Address 1566 Canal Street.
NEW ORLEANS, - - - LOUISIANA

Karezza ETHICS OF MARRIAGE.
By Alice B. Stockham, M. D. Is a supplement to TOKOLOGY, containing valuable instruction for the married. Circulars free. Prepaid $1.00.
ALICE B. STOCKHAM & CO., 277 Madison St. Chicago
Mention The Freeman.

Dr. J. K. Nickens'
WONDERFUL DISCOVERIES
DR. NICKENS' FEMALE TONIC is a sure and speedy cure for Diseases peculiar to women; such as Pains, Crampes Neuralgia of the Womb, Dyspepsia, Nervious Headache, Mental Depression, Heart Disease, Female Weakness and General Debility. Price 50c per bottle.
DR. NICKENS' BLOOD SARSAPARILLA will cure Rheumatism, Scrofula, Pimples, Carbuncles, Erysipelas, Dyspepsia, Kidney, Liver and Stomach Diseases, and all disorders of the blood. Price 50c per bottle. Agents wanted everywhere. Write for circulars and terms.
Adress Dr. Nickens' Medicine Co.
929 Mound Street. Cincinnati, Ohio.

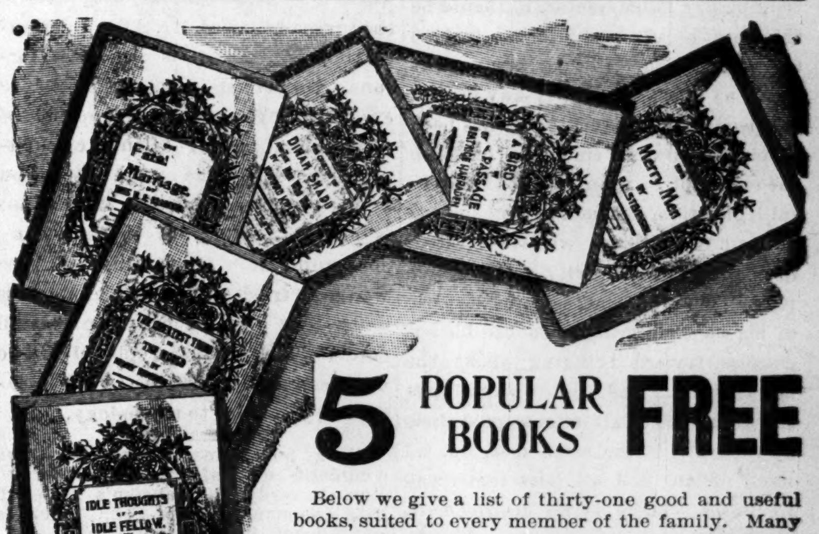
FROM THE
HAIR
—THE—
Hair Straightener Company
Manufactures an instrument that will at once remove the curls from the most stubborn hair without causing the least injury.
It is so simple n construction that achild can use it with
PERFECT SUCCESS.
$1.00—ONLY—$1.00
.... ADDRESS THE ....
Hair Straightener Co.,
525 West North Street,
INDIANAPOLIS, : : : INDIANA.

14 KARAT GOLD PLATE.
CUT THIS OUT and send it to us with your name and address and we will send you this beautiful gold finished watch, by express for examination. You examine it at the express office; and if you think it a bargain pay our sample price $2.75 and express charges and it is yours. It is magnificently engraved and equal in appearance to a genuine Solid Gold watch. A guarantee and beautiful gold plate chain and charm sent free with every watch, write today, this may not appear again. mention whether you want gents or ladies' size.
THE NATIONAL MFG. & IMPORTING CO.
334 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.
Mention The Freeman.

THE GEM CAMERA
CHEMICAL OUTFIT 50 CTS

THE GEM PHOTOGRAPH CAMERA is not a toy but an actual Photographing Machine operating on standard scientific principles and producing pictures which fully equal those of a High Priced Photograph Apparatus. It makes pictures size 2¼x2¼ inches. The Outfit consists or everything shown in cut and mentioned below. A Strong and perfectly made Camera with holder for plate and Perfect Lens Cap, a package of the renowned "Harvard Dry Plates." 1 package Blue Process paper, 1 sheet Orange paper, 1 package Photo Mounts, 1 Box Hyposulphate of Soda, 1 package Developing Powders. Complete and explicit instructions enabling anyone to take any class of pictures with this outfit. Now please remember that you are not buying a Camera only but a complete and Perfect Chemical Outfit all ready for use without further expense to you. No such outfit has sold heretofore for less than $2.50. Everything carefully made and bound to work perfectly. A wonder to all who see it and its work. You are not restricted to any class of pictures. You can take landscapes, portraits buildings in fact anything. The whole securely packed in outside box for shipping. Be your own photographer. How many places of interest and friends that are dear do you encounter every day whose image you would like to preserve? With this outfit you can do it and almost without expense. Price only 50 cents by express. By mail, postpaid. 60 cents. Satisfaction guaranteed. Send to-day. Address,

PREMIUM OFFER:—We will send the complete outfit free to any one sending us $1.75 for one year's subscription to The Freeman. Without The Freeman $1.00.



5 POPULAR BOOKS FREE

Below we give a list of thirty-one good and useful books, suited to every member of the family. Many are by famous authors, known wherever the English language is spoken. Among them are the following:

DICKENS, BRADDON, KIPLING, JEROME, HARRADEN, DRUMMOND, STEVENSON,

And others almost as well known. Each number is a complete book (size 7½x 5½ inches), and each is bound in a separate cover with a handsome, new, original and entirely different design, making a splendid collection.

No. 57. **How the Widow Bedott Popped the Question to Edler Sniffles.** This book is funny—even funnier than the title implies. The Elder was an old-time Baptist preacher, and a widower. Now, the Widow had often ridiculed the Baptists, but the way she changed her tune after she had "sot" her heart on the Elder was a caution, as well as comical. The Elder thought the Widow was rich, and so accepted her proposal. The reader will have many a hearty laugh at their expense, and likely repeat, "Old fools are the biggest fools of all."

No. 56. **The Courtship of Widow Bedott and Mr. Crane.** If there is any truth in the old saying, "Laugh and grow fat," then the Widow Bedott books will help to make lots of fat. Mr. Crane was a neighbor, and a widower. He frequently called at the Widow's house, and she naturally thought he was courting her, and so she tried to encourage him and get his courage up to the point of proposing. She succeeded, but he asked the Widow for the hand of her daughter Malissy. Then the Widow saw her predicament, and how she did storm! If you want a hearty laugh, try the Widow Bedott books.

No. 91. **The Fatal Marriage.** By Miss M. E. Braddon. This is a thrilling story, in which a man marries a lovely girl for her wealth, and as it should always be, he came to grief as a reward for his deception.

No. 99. **The Idle Thoughts of an Idle Fellow.** By Jerome K. Jerome. Mr. Jerome is known as the "English Mark Twain." He is a writer of the finest sort of fun, which is sure to be highly enjoyed by all who will read this book. It is considered his best.

No. 61. **Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.** By R. L. Stevenson.

No. 101. **The Chimes.** By Charles Dickens.

No. 94. **A Christmas Carol.** By Dickens.

No. 96. **The Haunted Man.** By Dickens.

No. 97. **Two Ghost Stories.** By Dickens.

No. 95. **The Battle of Life.** By Dickens.

No. 98. **Three Christmas Stories.** By Dickens.

No. 100. **Cricket on the Hearth.** By Dickens.

No. 73. **Æsop's Fables.**

No. 75. **Bread and Cheese and Kisses.**

No. 64. **The Greatest Thing in the World.** By Henry Drummond. This book is on love as taught by Christ and the disciples; and if any one doubts that love is the greatest thing in the world, and if they want to be made stronger in their love for all things, they must get this book, by all means.

No. 63. **Changed Life.** By Drummond.

No. 62. **Peace be With You.** By Drummond.

These two books are fully equal to "The Greatest Thing in the World," by the same author, each treating of a different phase of Christian life. You will feel purer and better after having read them.

No. 90. **On Her Wedding Morn.** By Bertha M. Clay, author of "Her Only Sin," "A Golden Heart," and other stories. This is a companion novel to "Her Only Sin," and will be read with the same intensity of feeling, with mingled joy and sadness as the characters in the book have cause for tears or laughter. It is a love story that must appeal to every reader.

No. 89. **Her Only Sin.** By Bertha M. Clay.

No. 58. **Merry Men.** By R. L. Stevenson. A thrilling account of the perilous adventures of a party seeking for a sunken Spanish treasure-ship.

No. 59. **The Courting of Dinah Shadd.** By Rudyard Kipling, who is thought by many to be the greatest living story-writer.

No. 60. **A Bird of Passage.** By Beatrice Harraden, author of "Ships that Pass in the Night." The book which has had such a phenomenal sale during the past year. This is a charming story, told in beautiful language.

No. 76. **Noble and Heroic Deeds of Men and Women.**

No. 86. **A Bartered Birthright.** By James Franklin Fitts.

No. 70. **Good Manners.** By Mrs. M. W. Baines. A manual of etiquette.

No. 92. **Old Mother Hubbard.** Illustrated.

No. 66. **Outdoor Sports.** Illustrated.

No. 78. **Indoor Games.** Illustrated.

No. 84. **Gulliver's Travels.**

No. 93. **Mrs. Caudle's Curtain Lectures.**

Sent FREE to every subscriber sending us $1.50 for one year's subscription.

THE FREEMAN.

A NATIONAL ILLUSTRATED COLORED NEWSPAPER.

PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY
At 57½ Indiana Avenue,
INDIANAPOLIS, - - INDIANA.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES:

Any part of the United States and Canada, one year, postage paid, - - $1.50.
Six Months, - - - - - - - 85.
Three Months, - - - - - - 60.
Foreign Countries, - - - $1.00 extra.
Send Money by Express, Money Order, Post-office Order or Registered Letter to

THE FREEMAN,
INDIANAPOLIS, - - - INDIANA.

All communications, enclosing news matter for publication, must be sent with the name of the writer, not for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

TO CONTRIBUTORS:

We prefer not to return manuscript where the articles are short, and copies easily taken—such as poems, anecdots and brief sketches, and in no case will we undertake to return manuscript unless stamps for that purpose accompany the article. We will not pay for matter unless it is ordered. All matter for publication must reach this office by Monday of each week, to insure insertion in the current issue.

AGENTS.

Agents are wanted in every town and city not now occupied, and liberal inducements will be given to the same. Send for our extraordinary inducements to agents.

ADVERTISING RATES.

Regular display—10 cents per line per insertion—agate measure, (14 lines to the inch.) Discounts: 3 months, 10 per cent; 6 months, 20 per cent; 12 months, 33⅓ per cent. Pure reading matter; 50 cents per line per insertion. Business locals, 15 cents per line per insertion. On all pure reading matter and business locals, a discount of 5 per cent. will be allowed for each 100 lines up to 1,000 lines. Advertisements should reach us on Saturday or Monday in order to appear the following week. Ommissions to be made up at expiration of contract. Lost Relative advertisements, $1.00 for one month, in advance.

Entered at the post-office at Indianapolis, Indiana, as second class matter.

All matter should be addressed to

THE FREEMAN,
Geo. L. Knox, Pub., Indianapolis, Ind.

SATURDAY, JAN. 16, 1897.

WHAT LAWS SHOULD BE REPEALED.

There are one or two laws on the the statute books of Indiana that apply specifically to the race. It may not be wisdom in a legislature who is elected by all the people or by a majority of all the people, to do the bidding of all the people, to attempt to legislate in the interest of a part of the people. But if laws are made that do not affect the people in common, or are made so as to operate to the disadvantage of a part of the people—discriminatory in character, it should be the duty of any legislator to look to the repealing of all such law or laws that may affect peculiarly any part of the people. But since there has been no one up to this time who has been the means of bringing about the needful legislation, it is morally incumbent on Hon. G. L. Jones, who was elected, it is true, by a majority of the whole people, but who was selected because of his race affiliations, to use his endeavors toward bringing about the desideratum. The Negro will always feel conscious of an offense paid them by the state if the state does not rid itself of any and all laws that speak to classes. There is no desire on the part of the race to seek marital alliances, as premised by the law, and if they did, it would be a matter of compact merely, and that requires two persons at least. The invasion, if an invasion, can not come without the invitation, or at least without encouragement. Those who are superiorilly endowed, need have no fear of the persuasive eloquence of those who are not so well mentally equipped, as the old saw goes. We conclude by saying that we feel that the present Indiana legislators will not allow the opportunity to slip them in doing a good turn for civilization.

JUDGE STRAKER'S DEFEAT.

"That is a very foolish effort—the one to unload on the Afro-Americans of Detroit, Mich, blame for Attorney Straker's failure to be re-nominated a second time. The gentleman showed very poor judgment, to say the least, when he undertook to break down the long established rule and ignore the precedent of years standing of "two terms and out." Trying to force the use of the word "Judge" before Mr. Straker's name when it has never been the custom to do so in the cases of others who preceded him as commissioners, and when clearly he is not entitled to it, is another exhibition of very poor judgment which none of our confreres can afford to be guilty of and which we feel sure Attorney Straker would regret to see."—Cleveland Gazette.

It does not matter a picayune as to what tradition says about Straker's terms of office holding; as long as there was no legal enactment prohibiting his nomination or election for another term, his course was consistent with office seekers the world over. It should not have been incumbent on the members of the race to press home the convictions that he was too ambitious, if the other people saw nothing irregular in it. It has not been said that he suffered at the hands of white men. It is very odd that his ambition was so odious to the class instead of the mass. Both the Age and the Gazette sneers at the title of judgeship generally accorded Straker. He has never contended for the honor, and if he had there would be some show for contention, for the office did carry with it duties that were of a judicial nature. It would be far better to pad out the little conceits of the race in this respect than to always be springing dynamite bumbs under it.

THE GREATEST THINKERS.

"I am not given to self-praise, still truth is simply truth. A white literary friend who is well posted in the doings of the "brother in black," says that Dr. J. M. Henderson, R. W. Thompson, Augustus M. Hodges, Alice Ruth Moore, Edward Elmore Broch, Charles Sumner Smith (unknown to me), the unknown editor of The Freeman and the editor of another Afro-American newspaper are the greatest writers and thinkers of the race, and if their writings and teachings were followed to the letter, the so-called Negro problem would soon be solved. He asked me 'what would be the outcome of these great race writer's teachings?' I ask the question over as I cannot answer it, 'What shall the harvest be?'"—B. Square.

The unknown editor of The Freeman has drawn his portion of sweets from the above mass. For the sake of the individuals referred to, we hope the gentleman's judgement is not warped. It's a mighty big mouthful to declare that the above statements are true. Although it will not "put money in thy purse" to be so rated. One or two of the persons referred to are rather young to be thus quoted, but if the country can stand it, they will not demurr. At least, if there is greatness in the majority mentioned, it has not been thrust on, it has been won, and the acknowledgement has often been wrenched from an unsympathetic, frigid audience, who was bent on seeing differently.

MR. ALLEN, OF BOSTON.

It has been said that Mr. Allen, who was elected to the council, of Boston, has been offered $20,000 to give up his office. The story looked reasonable at first, but grows fishy with age. The office is not of that much importance. There is no reason to throw up hats at the invincibility of Mr. Allen. Twenty thousand dollars is a modest fortune. No person is interested to the extent of that much money, nor no set of pepsons. If Mr. Allen is circulating such a report, he has no conception of his sudden elevation. We do not believe Mr. Allen has said anything concerning it. It was his own race who first tried to belittle him. It is understood that he has been treated cordially, and has been placed on two or three good committees. That $20,000 story belongs to mythology.

"For pure, unadulterated rot, we commend our confreres and readers to Rev. Reverdy C. Ransom's letter in The Freeman of Jan. 9th. There is not a dozen lines of truth in it. The man he writes about was never a lieutenant of Mr. Hanna's nor a leader in either state or local politics; and it is an insult to the Afro-American leaders and workers in the party in Ohio to say so. This fact is generally known and recognized here in Ohio."—Cleveland Gazette.

A dozen lines is a mighty narrow margin to go on, but the Gazette says so. Rev. Ransom was supposed to have been writing ex-cathedra, or by the card. If so his ingenuity will be taxed to take care of Mr. Myers' interest. Now what was Mr. Myers, gentlemen? Hon. Harry Smith and Rev. Ransom are both honorable men but they are at extreme logger heads on this point. Gentlemen, a question, Rev. Ransom avers that Mr. Myers represented the state of Ohio as delegate-at-large in the Republican National convention of 1892; did he do it?

"T. Thomas Fortune wants to know if office seeking is a disease. Can't he tell from personal experience?—National Protest.

"'No. He once applied for the Haytian Mission, knowing that he would not get it. That is the extent of his office seeking experience.'"—New York Age.

You got too close to Timothy that time. Did you notice how petulant he grew? Did you hear that voluminous "no?" That "no" is historical.

The Indiana legislature has distributed its patronage over the state more than it has done in past years. Marion county has been considered hoggish, but she got a black eye this time.

That "Larph" is a kind of gad-fly

INDIANA'S NEW SENATOR.

Hon. Charles W. Fairbanks, Indiana's Faverite Son, was on Tuesday night last, nominated by the Republican caucus as United States Senator, to succeed Daniel W. Voorhees. It has been evident for some weeks past that Mr. Fairbanks would be the choice of the Republican majority, and this belief was made a certainty on Tuesday night when the entire eighty-five members of the caucus being present, cast sixty votes for Mr. Fairbanks, nominating him on the first ballot, the nomination subsequently being made unanimous. Mr. Fairbanks is a gentleman of culture, fine abilities and unquestioned inintegrity, and The Freeman believes that his selection will meet the approval of the great mass of the Republican party of the state. For several years he has been active, zealous and efficient in party service, devoting much of his time in expounding the sacred truths of the g. o. p. Wherever the party has had work to do, Mr. Fairbanks has been a willing worker, and few have been more effective than he. He is in the prime of life, and Indiana Republicans can rest assured that he will discharge his duties as Senator in a manner that will reflect honor upon himself and credit on the men whose votes have placed a Republican in the seat so long occupied by a Democrat.

The money convention has had the right of way in Indianapolis this week.

The presence of Gen. Simon B. Buckner sounds very campaignish.

Shall the greenbacks be retired? That burning question will be settled this week so they say.

The colored brother from the "burghs" fared farely well at the hands of the legislators.

The Cabinet position appointment has narrowed down to Pinchback, Bruce and John P. Green.

There are many receptive candidates with us waiting for an invitation to make a jaunt. "The letter that never came."

It is now Governor Mount. His inauguration last Monday was in keeping with the unostentatious character of the Governor.

The staunchest optimist must admit that lynchings are on the increase. Lynching, as a warning, is the latest headline for classification.

It is understood that there is no salary attached to the position held by Allen, of Boston. Now what about that $20,000? Allen has advertisement if that counts anything.

Robert J. Burdett, the great lecturer, in writing to Hillsdale College, Mich., has the following to say of Mr. Washington: "Booker T. Washington is the star of your course. He is eloquent, grand—the greatest colored orator of America."

Hon. A. S. White, of Kentucky, is "dying" to go to Liberia. It is said that he is the only candidate Kentucky has for the position, and that he is sure of success. Well, Indiana has had enough of Liberia, with all due respects to other candidates, we wish the gentleman success.

"Some of our contemporaries are constantly barking at the heels of T. Thomas Fortune, of the New York Age. Its a good omen when a fellow is thus pursued by a certain class of men. It means that he amounts to something."—Race-Standard.

Now that's just where you are wrong. Fortune has been out of humor for quite a time. He has been doing the nagging. The other fellows are just beginning to turn over.

Hon. G. L. Jones, the first Negro legislator for the state of Indiana in a number of years, took his seat Thursday of the past week. He was busy like the other folks nursing his crop of expectant appointees. Like all others, he was unable to land them all, but he made a first rate showing for a new man. He secured several good appointments. It is very evident that Mr. Jones does not mean to stop with the late elevation. He has in mind one of the big federal positions. He says it is very much like hunting, and Mr. Jones is a veritable nimrod, and that he always shot when something was in sight. He says he will do what he can to subserve the interest of those who elected him, and the whole people as well.

MYERS' RELATION TO HANNA

THE LATTER IS NOT A PATRON OF THE FORMER'S SHOP.

Enthusiastic Meeting—Committee of Colored Men call upon Maj. McKinley—Lynchings will be Treated by Him.

Editor Freeman:

Your correspondent is in receipt of many favorable comments on his article in last week's Freeman, touching the relations between Mr. George A. Myers, of Cleveland, O., and Hon. M. A. Hanna. We now state what we could not in our last with certainty, namely: that Mr. Hanna is not a customer of Mr. Myers' shop in Cleveland, but that on the other hand he shaves at his club, the Union club, of Cleveland, O. I am in receipt of a note from Mr. Myers saying, however, that while Mr Hanna has never indulged in the luxury of having a valet, that he, (Myers), would be perfectly willing to act as Mr. Hanna's valet, if by so doing he could assist or help to raise the standard or advance the interests of the race. I wish also to state that Mr. Myers was elected alternate-at-large from the 21st district of Ohio to the Minneapolis convention in 1892, but served as a delegate and not as delegate-at-large from Ohio, as the type last week made me say.

Another correspondent commenting on our last week's article, says: "It seems strange that a man of Dr. Henderson's standing would seem to forget that it is only a few years since the colored people of the United States were enslaved and that few, if any of us, have little to boast of unless it is our energy, industry, ambition, etc., the things that make men in this country."

My chief object, however, in writing this article is to call attention to a conference of great importance to the colored people of the United States, and which will undoubtedly attract national attention, which was held last Saturday morning, January 9th, between representatives of the colored residents of Cleveland, O., and President-elect McKinley at the home of Col. Myron T. Herrick, Prospect street, Cleveland. The conference was in pursuance of the action taken at a large and enthusiastic assemblage of colored Republicans held Friday evening under the auspices of the Western Reserve Republican club, of which Mr. George A. Myers, that "ridiculous barber," "Mark Hanna's valet," etc., has the honor of being president. The meeting was addressed by Mayor McKisson and Hon. John P. Green. In pursuance of a resolution, at the conclusion of the meeting, the president of the club, Mr. George A. Myers, appointed as members of the committee Rev. W. T. Anderson, pastor of St. John's A. M. E. church, Mr. Frank Lee and Hon. W. H. Clifford, to wait on President-elect McKinley and urge upon him the importance of expressing in his inaugural message to Congress disapproval of the lynchings and outrages perpetrated upon the colored people of the United States The committee was most cordially received by President-elect McKinley at 11 o'clock last Saturday, and the subject of the visit was at once made known to the incoming president. Rev. Mr. Anderson acted as spokesman for the party. After the matter had been carefully discussed by the committee, Major McKinley said that he was very glad the gentlemen had called, and that he believed their request to be a proper one for consideration. He expressed his pleasure at the enthusiasm manifested at the meeting on the previous evening, and concluded his remarks by assuring the committee that he would remember the subject of the conference in his official statements.

How splendidly is the sagacity and wisdom of Mr. Myers and those who acted with him vindicated by their actions. President-elect McKinley, so the newspaper dispatches inform us, went to Cleveland for the purpose of working on his inaugural address, and also perhaps to prepare the text of a message to be delivered to Congress convened in extraordinary session soon after his inaugaration. Mr. George A. Myers and the Western Reserve Republican Club took advantage of this opportunity to strike a blow and to wield their influence not in the interest of some office seeker but in the interest of the whole race, and while President-elect McKinley is seated at his desk preparing his first public document they had the courage to invade the privacy and seclusion of his study and urge upon him to call attention to the outrage and violence which is visited upon the Negroes of this country without restraint, and their action is rewarded by the splendid assurance that he would remember the subject of this conference in his official statements.

It looks as though at last we have elected a president who believes in the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and who intends to be faithful to the oath which he will be compelled to take with uncovered head before God and the American people to uphold and defend the Constitution and the laws. President-elect McKinley is at this hour the object of more hope and more solicitude and high desire than perhaps any other human being on the face of the earth. Tens of thousand of office seekers are looking to him for favors to come; the protected and financial interests of the country are looking to him to guard their interests and solidify their power, while the millions that toil in foundry, factory, mill and farm are looking to him as the advance agent of prosperity to usher in an era of better times. Major McKinley nor no other human being can do all that he is expected to do by way of satisfying the various interests and hushing the loud clamor that prevails, but he can do what this committee has requested him to do. As the chief magistrate of this nation he can speak out against this flood tide of butchery and fiendish outrage which is visited upon the Negroes of this land. If the assurance which Major McKinley is alleged to have given this committee has been truthfully reported all men can be assured that he will do just what he said. He can be assured in advance that he will have the support of all honest and law abiding citizens in every section of our common country, but whether much or little comes of the event the entire colored race of America owes a vote of thanks to the Western Reserve Republican Club and to Mr. George A. Myers of Cleveland, O.

Reverdy C. Ransom,
Bethel A. M. E. church Chicago, Ill.

K. of P. Public Installation.

Palestine, Tex., Special.

School has reopened; attendance is very large. Mrs. E. M. Griggs is visiting her daughter, Mrs. McClellan. Miss Eliza Peay, of Columbia, S. C., is with her sister, Mrs. M. J. Morton. Dr. F. F. McClelland and wife spent a week as guest of Mrs. W. M. Riles. They were the recipients of many handsome and useful presents. Prof. B. O. Pertle and Miss E. Wolford were united in marriage the 12th inst., at Midway, Tex., Rev. Geo. F. Taylor of this city, officiating. Mrs. Carnes left for Dallas where she will join her husband, who has charge of Bethel A. M. E. church. Subscribe for The Freeman. Old subscriber renew your subscription if your time is out. Keep up with the times. A. S. Davis went to Taylor Friday evening to visit relatives. He brought home his little daughter Sammie. On the night of Jan. 6th, Hearts of Oak Lodge No. 39, K. of P., held a public installation in their Castle Hall. Prof. J. N. Dodson, M. S., D. D., G. C., officiating. The members entered the public hall in the order of procession and opened with prayer by their prelate, Sir McHunter, after which the Grand Chancelor and staff entered. After the ceremonies, the Grand Chancellor in a neat speech, explained the benefits of the K. of P., and what they had done for Palestine. The music was furnished by Prof. V. T. Thompson's string band. All expressed themselves as having had a pleasant time. The following officers were installed: Sir Wm. Freeman, C. C.; Sir W. T. Flint, V. C.; Sir McHunter. P.; Sir C. F. Simpson, K. of R. and S.; Sir A. Bell, M. of Ex.; Sir Wm. Coleman, M. of F.; Sir F. F. McClelland, M. D., M. at A.; Sirs W. Watts and D. Sherman, I. and O. G.; Sirs A. Benson and B. F. Lawrence, Attendants.

Seriously Ill.

Little Rock, Ark., Special.

Mrs. L. L. Dortch has returned home from Nashville, Tenn., very ill indeed.

A Dramatic Entertainment.

Keokuk, Iowa, Special.

The A. M. E. church's dramatic club played "Thirty Years of Freedom" New Years eve to a crowded house. Mr. and Mrs. French D. Bland opened their new residence on the 1st., Whist Club prizes were awarded Frank Robinson, W. H. Shortridge, and Mrs. Fred Fields. Miss Jessie Johnson entertained Mrs. and Miss Brown of Canton, Mo. Mrs. Alice Anderson, an old citizen, was buried Monday from the A. M. E. church. Knights and Daughters of Noiba Tabernacle gave an entertainment the 25th.

Springfield Notes—Personals.

Springfield, Ill., Special.

Mr. Birthlong of Concordia College, and one of the highest in his class, is ill at the residence of Mrs. Duff of this city. Major Buckner of Chicago, was in the city. Miss Georgia Stevenson of Indianapolis, Ind., who spent the holidays in this city, the guest of Misses Etta and Arminta Davis. has returned to her home. The funeral of "Uncle Peter" Smith of this city occured Dec. 31st at the family residence, 1357, N. Little avenue. Miss Jennie McClain entertained the young ladies of her Sunday school class at an elegant dinner Thursday Dec. 31st at her residence on North Fourth street. Mr. S. Hiland of Chicago, is in the city. He is second waiter at the Leland Hotel.

Wedding Bells—Personals.

Midway, Ky., Special.

Mr. Lace Childress age 21 died Jan. 1st. He leaves a number of friends and relatives. He was highly respected and loved by all who knew him. Mr. Bradly Bradford of Kosse and Miss Roberta Jackson were married on the 27th of Dec. and left on their bridal trip and home in Kosse. Prof. F. J. Grant's school will close on the 4th of Feb. after which he will leave for Texarkana. Mr. F. J. Grant in company with Miss Mattie M. Merit attended a social given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jordans. The Christmas tree and concert of Prof. F. J. Grant was grand. Misses A. R and C. H. Lee spent their Christmas at Poters Springs at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Winston Dickson, they were met by Prof. W. M. C. Dickson and Prof. A. T. Wilson of Houston.

C. H. & D. Milage.

The C. H. & D. Commercial one thousand mile tickets, sold at $20.00 will hereafter be good on the following roads: Louisville, New Albany, and Chicago, New York, Chicago and St. Louis, Michigan Central between Toledo and Detroit, Toledo, St. Louis and Kansas City, Terre Haute and Indianapolis, Baltimore and Ohio, west of Pittsburg and Benwood, B. and O. Southwestern, Peoria, Decatur and Evansville, Indianapolis, Decatur and Western, Cleveland, Terminal and Valley, N. Y. P. and O. Div. Erie, Pittsburg and Western, Dayton and Union, Columbus, Hocking Valley and Toledo, Findlay, Fort Wayne and Western, Cleveland, Lorain and Wheeling.

What the final outcome of the race question will be is impossible, of course, to surmise. The probabilities are that the African will remain a hewer of wood and a drawer of water until his face shall pale—and it is paling rapidly—and he shall cease to be a social factor. No two races ever lived antagonistic yet in contact, without the stronger either annihilating or absorbing the otner.—Dr. Crane at Trinity Methodist Church, in Chicago Conservator.

The Herald does not take a back seat. Begins the New Year away out in the far south west, out of debt and with a bank account to boot. Whatever its turn no one, to use a street phrase, "has any stringe on it" and hence have no down hill pull. It is not quite so noisy, gingy or large (in size) as some papers, but it is solid, conservative, fearless and daring. It will fight for the race and the right. It wears no mask and shoots over nobody's shoulder. This its salutatory for 1897, pay for it. Take it. Read it.—Langston City Herald.

While the Republican party is pledged to civil service reform, still, we think that in distributing the patronage those who have stood in the front ranks of every battle should have preferment. Why should a man be faithful to a party and do battle for it, if after the victory is won the honors are to be given to those that have been passive in the combat. We have grown old in the service of the grand old party and while our adhesion has not been on account of the loaves and fishes still we think that when loaves and fishes, are to be given, the old Guard should not be slighted. There will be many applicants for places of trust and profit under President McKinley, but in every case, where everything else is equal, we think that only those who have been faithful should be rewarded. There are hundreds of such men in this District and to these the Journal will give its support.—Huntsville Journal.

The Indianapolis Freeman will accept the congratulations of The Conservator, though tardily extended, over its holiday number. It was printed on fine book paper and the number of excellent articles from noted people was remarkable, prominent among the number being Mrs. Frederick Douglass. All in all it was a choice edition. The St. Paul Appeal and The Richmond Planet also had attractive holiday issues.—The Conseavator.

As the time approaches for the inauguration of President McKinley, speculation as to the construction and personnel of the cabinet becomes quite rife. It now seems almost certain that the West will be represented by Sherman and Allison; the South by Judge Nathan Goff of West Virginia; the middle states by Hon. C. N. Bliss of New York, and New England by Hon. Nelson Dingley, Jr., of Maine Whether there will or will not be a colored man in the cabinet remains to be seen. The names most frequenly mentioned are those of B. K. Bruce, Booker T. Washington, John W. Lyons, and John P. Green; good men, and either one of whom would do the race credit. We fell certain that the race will be fairly treated by the McKinley administration but we have no assurance that a colored man will be selected for a place in the cabinet, and still we think that the race is entitled to such recognition. It is thought that colored men will be appointed to such places as Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia, Register of the U. S. Treasury, Auditor of the Treasury, and to places in the foreign service.—Colored American.

"Hon. Isaac B. Allen is a full fledged member of the Governor's Council, despite all the efforts of J. Sullivan, who tried his utmost to keep Mr. Allen from taking the oath. Notwithstanding the hue and cry made against Mr. Allen by his opponents, he was elected a member of the Governor's Council by the people, and Massachusetts showed to the world her position on the color question in the person of His Excellency, Gov. Roger Wolcott, who received Mr. Allen in the most cordial manner, and appointed him on five of the most important committees, viz: Railroads, Harbors, Public Land, Charitable Institutions and State House."—Boston Courant.

It seems that Mr. Allen is not such a character after all. The Governor seems to think well of him. But that $20,000 story is purely a fake.

News and Notes of Interest.

Hamilton, O., Special.

Miss P. Baker and N. Terry has returned to Wilberforce University after spending a few weeks with their parents. The Y. M. L. club met last Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rile. Rev. Clay Coleman gave an illustrated lecture on "Bishop Taylor's Travels in Africa." The revival services of the M. E. church are getting along nicely. The funeral of Mrs. L. Jones took place last Sunday from the A. M. E. church, Rev. Coleman officiating.

A KNIGHT OF THE QUILL

IN DISGUISE—THE "NOAH BAXTERS" OF TO-DAY

An Interesting Study—Through Their Patient Toil and Honesty, Men of Mark are Made—What are our Ministers Doing?

EDITOR FREEMAN:

In to-day's issue of your always meaty and interesting journal I find an extraordinary letter from one "Noah Baxter," hailing from some cross roads village way down in Texas. The letter is rich in amusing features, and as a specimen of Negro dialect writing—it is as full of genuine humor and as faithful to life as anything gotten up by Artemus Ward, Josh Billings, James Whitcomb Riley, Paul Dunbar or Joe Chandler Harris. We have all enjoyed a hearty laugh over the old man's eccentric notions and his "pied-type" language. Every good joke has behind it a semblamce of protability, and even if clothed in fantastic and exaggerated garb, embodies a moral, to be studied with the coming of the sober aftermath. Let us pass over any suspicion that "Noah Baxter" is not all he seems. Let us ignore the presentiment that the letter is the work of some bright, shrewd young knight of the quill, who adopts this method of cultivating an original style, and at the same time to poke some innocent fun at a few characters whose names happen into public notice once in a while. I would not for worlds hint any of these things, nor would I venture a doubt that "Noah Baxter" is enjoying a green old age in the classic shades of the Lone Star state, meditating over his grimy cob-pipe hard by his cottage door, anon slaking his thirst from between his palms beside the purling brooklet, and in his mind's eye contrasting the beauties of his pastoral retreat with the conniving wickedness and narrow selfishness of the world without. If ambition seizes him, he resolutely hurls it away as an unclean thing, shakes his hoary head sadly, and goes on in the even tenor of his way. He prefers the proud mystery of the Delphic oracle, addressing the busy world only by his pen, and to while away the hours by sundry interpreting dreams for his neighbors in exchange for a dinner of roast chicken or 'possum. He is satisfied to be the idol of romping children and the recipient of divers killing smiles from the forlorn widows of his native heath.

Seriously, the "Noah Baxters" of today are an interesting study. Their is unique personality. They represent the war guards of a massive phalanx that is rapidly passing from the shores of time who does not enjoy the quaint stories and the crude philosophy of the "Uncles" and "Aunties." They are the most musical echoes that come to us from the antebellum days. I trust I have never been wanting in the respect and veneration due them, nor lacking in appreciation of their great services to the race. Let the unskillful laugh if they will, but these "old folks,' now bent with age and troubled with the "rheumatics" are responsible for more of the genuine progress of the Negro than any brilliant leader that can now be pointed out. They may be deficient in "book larning," but their wonderful stock of "hoss sense" has made them capitalists and independent "free-holders," while their scoffers are living from hand to mouth, oftimes the beneficiaries of the "old fogg's" bounty.

They and their latter-day followers stand for that intense conservation that has saved the black from the vogaries and anarchestic nonsense that have at times beset every other nationality, to the menace of the peace and dignity to American republic. To their frugality and sacrifices the race owes some of its most luminous figures. Now, be honest! How many are there of the literary geniuses of today, whose career was not made possible or materially aided by an old father, who like "Noah Baxter," "didn't know nothing," but could ride a "saw buck" from dawn until sunset that his children might have superior advantages. How many of the sons and daughters of fortune can deny that their exalted rank and dainty comforts of this generation were baptized in the honest sweat from the kitchen-range and the wash-tub?

They made the bottom round and set the ladder upon which posterity has ascended. Honor to the "Noah Baxters" and their noble tribe! May they be long spared us! May they find in the glories and achievements of the young colored American ample recompense for their patient vigils, their uncomplaining sacrifices and their matchless heroism upon the field of battle!

I am serious about all this, and do not regret that the opportunity has afforded to pay a slight, but deserved tribute to a class which so many of the thoughtless among us are apt to regard with impatience. I must lecture a little myself, but disavow any direct personal interest "Noah Baxter" has fallen a victim to the prevalent disease of age—pessimism.

His unruffled life among the mild-eyed bovines and fragrant honey-suckle should teach him optimism. He is old enough to know that the law of compensation s still in force. Long life brings an instruction to observant eyes that Emerson cannot instel. "Noah Baxter" is old enough to know that the degeneracy he so pathetically bewails is but local, or at most intermittent. If certain conditions appear true to a narrowed vision, they become less apparent when viewed broadly—as a whole, not as a small part. The man averages, strikes balances from large calculations, and compares without prejudice is an optimist. He sees hope and sunshine bright about him, for every ill is compensated in nature's great scheme by a corresponding blessing! Study it out!

Would "Noah Baxter" have us gaze "through a glass darkly" at the Negro's future? Is he setting youth a good example when he encourages distrust of leaders, and suspects ulterior motives in every act of his neighbor? Would he have us believe that the age is governed by supreme selfishness and that sincerity is now but the property of fools and children? Has altruism been swallowed up in the general riot of the baser senses? Has "Noah Baxter"—speaking as he does for our fathers in Israel—thought what dangerous consequences lie in the wake of the doctrine he would have established? Study not!

Is it a popular pastime or fad in some quarters to speak contemptuously of the present, and to find great pleasure in looking backward to the palmy days of yore for inspiration. These same people persuade themselves that this age offers nothing worthy of their belief or admiration. Away with such rot! The world never saw a day nearer perfection in culture, science or art than today. Resolutions do not go backward. What will happen to us if we become chronic growlers, and lose our faith in human honesty? Are we to believe that our political leaders are all mountebanks, self-seekers and time servers? Is their alleged race love merely a stepping-stone to a fat office? Are our ministers simply actors, playing a part, or performing duties for a consideration in the same spirit that a bricklayer plies his trade? If a minister writes an article urging church unity and higher moral standards, is this to be regarded as a trump card for promotion? If a complimentary word is spoken of a statesman or a governmental policy is this simply a plea for support to obtain or hold a place? If a business man urges the race to stand by its commercial leaders, is he to be turned aside as one unworthly endeavoring to help himself at the races expense? If a friend grasps you warmly by the hand, are you to immediately suspect that he wishes to borrow a dollar? Is the world one hopeless mass of hypocrisy? Is this the impression you would have us gather, "Noah Baxter?" Is this the spirit you would bequeath to your posterity?

Fie upon you! Pluck the mote out of thine own eye before referring to the beam in thy brother's orb! A few more teachers down your way wouldn't be amiss, provided they teach along correct lines. We need all the real leaders we have and can find room for more. The days "befo' de wah" may be attractive in some lights, but we do not care to return to an age when there were no "nusepapers," no Booker Washington's, and no fearless lances like Dr. J. M. Henderson and "B. Square." We respect your gray hairs, "Pap" Baxter. We love you for your sturdiness when the crucial test was on. You are welcome now to the chair around the hearthstone, and we shall continue to laugh at your humor and sigh with you over the recital of harrowing trials. But don't ask us to yield up our faith in human integrity. Don't ask us to demolish our cherished ideals. Do not expect us to relinquish life's sweetest savor—the doctrine of good cheer, of eternal hope, of brotherly love, of ultimate racial unity. When you preach pessimism, be thou man the myth, we cannot follow you.

R. W. THOMPSON,
Washington, D. C., Jan. 9, 1897.

The Girls and the Prince.

When the Prince of Wales was in America, in 1860, he was a young man of nineteen and unmarried. Naturally the American girls were deeply interested in him, and a period of the most romantic excitement ensued in all the cities. Every subterfuge to dance with the young Prince was resorted to, and members of his party were bribed to arrange a waltz with the HeirApparent; the most unusual expedients were resorted to by girls. His baggage was kissed as it was put aboard the cars, and when he left a hotel room women would rush in and carry away in bottles the water in which he had washed his face. Church people forgot themselves and stood on the cushions of the pews in order to see the Royal visitor. On every hand it was a season of excitement, and balls, dinners, fetes and receptions ruled. One of the Prince's party was Stephen Fiske, the journalist, who was delegated by the elder James Gordon Bennett, of The New York Herald, to remain with the Prince while he was in America. Naturally, Mr. Fiske saw all the incidents of His Royal Highness' tour. Taking a liking to the American journalist the young Prince saw that he was present upon all occasions. Now Mr. Fiske has witten out the whole story, and it will form the January installment of The Ladies' Home Journal's series of "Great Personal Events." Illustrations of the grert scenes have been made, and these will be given with the article in the January Journal.

C. H. & D. TRACTION CO.

To Be Operated Between Cincinnati, Dayton & Toledo.

Articles of incorporation have been filed with the Secretary of State for what will be the biggest electric railroad system in the world. The articles were filed by Hon. Harry Probasco, as counsel of the company and Chief Clerk Kinney, of the office of Secretary of State, at once issued the charater. The projection contemplates the making of an electric road of the entire Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Railway system, between Cin. & Toledo and also between Dayton and Ironton. The new company is to be known as the C. H. & D. Traction Company, and under the articles of incorporation it is authorized to lease, own, acquire, build, operate, or maintain, either alone or in conjunction with any other street, suburban, interurban, or other railway company of street suburban or interurban railway, to bo operated by electricity steam or any other motive power, to do a freight and passenger business. The capital stock of the company is $50,000.00, in $100 shares. The incorporators are C. G. Waldo, D. G. Edwards, Geo. R. Balch, R. P. Rifenberick, and C. A. Wilson. The capital stock of the company while small, it is expected will be enlarged veay materially at a later date, the object being for the first operation to equip the line between Middleton and Hamilton, which can be done at a very small expense, the track and road bed, being all complete. From the experience acquired in his initial plant, the development of the line of the C. H. & D. Ry., between Cincinnati and Hamilton, and also othe points, will be carried on.

Election of Officers

Ennis, Tex., Special.

The G. U. O. of O. F. met the 5th inst, and installed annual officers and elected quarterly officers. Mrs. H. Williams is getting along very well at this writing. Mrs. Ellen Washington is still on the sick list. The 3d Baptist church have completed their building. Rev. H. A. Wells returned from Houston, where he has been to see his family. Mrs. Winnie Graves' little children are improving. Mr. Brown, of Dallas, was in the city last week, the guest of his friends. John Devols of Almo, Tex., was in the city last week. Hon. N. W. Cuney passed through here last week enroute to his home in Galveston. A. M. Kennedy of Mexia, passed through Ennis last week. W. E. Day, B S., of the class of '89, recently received a permanent certificate from the state through examination He is the only alumnus of of Paul Quinn College holding a permanent certificate, and one of the few colored men of the state who have received such an honor. Rev. W D. F. Pyle, P. E, of the Waxahachie district is agent for the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association, of New York. Mrs. Underhill and Mrs. Lister were guests Mrs. Gray last week. Mrs. Emer Clay and Miss Bessie Young were guests of Mrs. Gray recently.

Emancipation Celebration.

Columbus, Ga., Special

The Emancipation celebration this year was the grandest we ever had. Col. M. C. Parker, of Rome, Ga., was orator of the day. Col. M. C. Parker is a young lawyer, and he certainly made himself a name in Columbus. Much credit is due W. N. Albright. W. E. Terry and Hon. J. T. Shepherd, for the success of the celebration The procession was several blocks long; two brass bands and our military company under the command of Capt. J. R. Davis was in the parade. The exercises took place at St. James A. M. E. church where thousands had assembled to hear the program; each acted their part well and Col. Parker went beyond our expectation. "John Brown" was sung by the Bozeman school led by Prof. S. R. Marshall. At night a grand social was tendered Col. Parker, at Mrs. Emma Robinson's 1354 6th avenue, guests were: Dr. and Mrs. E H. Mayer, Prof. and Mrs. W. H. Spencer, Col. Parker, and Miss D. F. Terry, Dr. C. S. Swan and Miss I. A. Terry, Prof. Marshall and Miss I. B. Morgan, Misses J. G. Thomas, A. C. Jimson and I. M. Jones. Each enjoyed themselves with a grand supper. Col. Parker left for home Saturday.

Teachers Association.

Camden, Ark., Special.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Thompson gave a New Years dinner at their residence on Jan. 3. The table was decorated nicely. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Wallis, Mrs. D. A. Feaster, Miss Mary Walker, Mrs. Burks, of Arkadelphia; Mrs. Walker and G. T. Laster. The club known as "One of the Twelve Tribes," met at Mrs. Chandler's, Wednesday night the 6th, Mrs. Chandler presiding. Everything was quite lively and interesting. After Mrs. Chandler called the meeting to order, a song and then prayer was offered. Then a short program was rendered, afterwhich refreshments were served. This club meets every Wednesday night.

The Teachers association meets every Saturday, and is accomplishing much good in preparing the teachers for their daily work. The following is a few subjects discussed: "What is the object of a recitation?" and "Concert Recitation." The following teachers were present: Misses Mattie Starlard, Chanie Johnson, Ella Reeves, Annie Arrington. Profs. Hudson, G. W. Gentry, O. L. Kendrick, Master Joseph Thomas, Rev. H. C. Beasley, presiding, and G. T. Laster.

Meeting of the Council.

Columbus, O., Special.

Miss Minnie Washington and Miss Waugh, of Urbana, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart. Mr. and Mrs. Ga et, of Long street, Mr. Watkins, of S. Jefferson street, and Mrs. Slaughter, are on the sick list. F. Freeman was buried from his residence, on Stone street, Monday at 2 p. m. Alia Shipp, the infant daughter of Mrs. M. Shipp, was buried from their residence Monday at 10 a. m. Mr. Scott, after a long illness, died and was buried from St. Paul M. E. church. He was a member of several organizations, which turned out to pay their last respects. J. Thompson, who dropped dead on last Saturday, was buried on the 12th from the Napper house. There was a full house at the city council meeting Monday night and a good representation of colored people. One question affecting the colored fireman was discussed.

Election of Officers.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Special.

Mrs. John Thomas entertained Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Burton entertained a few friends Jan. 6th, at the home of Mrs. A. G. Thompson, 422 E North street. Mrs. Hiram Parks gave a supper Friday evening in honor of Hiram Wilson. It was his 27th birthday. Miss Myrtle Hill of Parson Business college, spent Sunday with Mrs. Amos N. Stewart. Sunday school officers were elected at the Second Baptist church Sunday as follows: W. M. Hill, superintendent; H. C. Morgan, assistant superintendent; Miss Florence Hill, secretary; Miss Grace Thompson, assistant secretary; Miss Bessie Thompson, organist; Jos. Pettifoot, librarian; Albert White, treasurer. Teachers: Mrs. Minnie Christman, Mrs. Fannie White, Miss Lena Henderson, Frank Evans, Albert Whalin, Albert White and H. C. Morgan. Rev Dr. Butler, of Detroit, will lecture at the A. M. E. church January 19th. Mrs. Charles Stewart and two sons have returned from Cassapolis. James Cousins, of Cold Water, is the guest of Mrs. Robert Weaver. Mrs. C. O. Bailiff entertained Jan. 1st.

Clarksville News Items.

Clarksville, Tenn., Special.

Hon. J. M. H. Graham is now attending the legislature in Nashville, where he is trying to retain his seat. The young men's Standard club, gave an entertainment at public square hall, which was a grand affair. H. M. Shelby has returned from New Orleans. J. Ogburn has accepted a position in Nashville. Eugene Carr who had his arm cut off on the railroad is able to be out. Mr. Dortch, of Louisville, has been visiting friends in this city. McCabe & Young's Black Trilby had quite a success in this city; John Brewer and D. W. McCabe were the leading characters, including a number of dainty queens.

Newsy Notes.

Clarinda, Iowa, Special.

Little George Lanier, grand-son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Lanier, died Jan. 4. The wife of Rev. C. H. Mendenhall is visiting her parents in Atchison, Kan., for a few days. A. Cartmill has returned from his Christmas trip in Keokuk, Iowa. J. Joiner spent Christmas in our city. Mrs. L. Wilkinson and her two accomplished daughters, of Essex, spent Xmas here, they have returned home. Rev. R. Knight, of the A. M. E. church is ill. Rev. C. H. Mendenhall held a good meeting at Bedford, Iowa. Mrs. J. W. Johnson, of Tarkio, Mo, is very ill in the city.

News From Chatham Township.

Chatham, Ont., Can., Special.

Sunday Jan. 3rd at 11 a. m., congregational services was held at the A. M. E. church Prof. Eddy, pastor. At 7:30 the Y. M. C. A. convened at the Union church. Quite a large gathering of young people was present. Mr. A. V. Scott, one of Chathams energetic Sunday was elected president of the meeting.

PERSONAL.

A gentleman of 26 wishes to form the acquaintance of a Christian Southern lady between 18 and 20 years of age. No triflers need apply. Strictly confidential; object matrimony. Address Prof. H. C., Freeman office.

All About Texas.

If you wish to receive a 200 page handsomely illustrated book telling all about Texas and her advantages, send seven cents postage to B. J. Price, A. G. P. A., I. & G. N. R. R., Palestine, Tex., and the book will be sent to you by return mail. Texas is now attracting a great number of settlers by reason of her cheap lands and mild climate. You will not regret the amount. When writing mention this aper.

14 DAYS!

ONLY REMAIN TO SECURE

THE FREEMAN

—THE—

Fearless Defender

OF THE

NEGRO RACE!

FOR THE SMALL SUM OF

$1 A YEAR

MRS. MATTIE WILLIAMS,

(The Popular Restaurant Keeper)

—IS LOCATED AT—

66 INDIANA AVENUE 66;

Should you desire a FIRST-CLASS MEAL and fine service call honer.

Dont fail to see : : :

MRS. DR. UNA F. SILVA,

—THE NOTED MEDIUM.—

72 1-2 Indiana Avenue.

Many people like her well. Consults on all the affairs of life.

Business and Spiritual Communications Ladies 50c. Gents. $1.00. Office hours: 9 a. m to 9 p. m. Letters with stamps answered.

For First-class Board by Week, Day, or Meal, also Neat Rooms call on

Mrs N. A Smothers

163, 165 INDIANA AVENUE

Now

Is your chance to get

Good Photos

While the rates are down—

Bennett's Best Cabinets Only $1 a Doz.

CALL AND SEE HIM.

38½ E. WASHINGTON STREET.

Kirkhoff Bros.

Steam :-: Heating

CONTRACTORS,

Sanitary Plumbers....

---And Gas Fitters.

Indianapolis, Ind. 102-4 S. Penn. St.

Telephone No. 910.

Two Secrets:

I have two secrets that every lady needs. One is to dye cloth so it will look glossy like Silk; the other is to make Bar Soap at 1c a pound. You can make money on these two secrets, make the soap and sell it to your neighbors; you can also sell the dye secret. Send 50c in silver, (no stamps) to

A. SCOTT,

Box 22. Burnett, Indiana.

WELLS' CAFE.

Meals Served as Ordered.

Meals and Lunches at all Hours.

16 Indiana Avenue.

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA.

S. H. MALPAS, M. D.

CHRONIC DISEASES A SPECIALTY.

OFFICE—MARION BLOCK,

Cor. Meridian and Ohio Sts.

OFFICE HOURS { 8 to 12 a. m. every day. 2 to 5:30 p. m. except Sunday.

Mrs. Ellen Burnett

Wishes to say that she is prepared to Cure RHEUMATISM and other Diseases by giving Baths and Massage Treatment. She is an Experienced Nurse. Terms Reasonable. Write for full information.

Box 157, Decatur, Mich.

—GO TO—

MRS. JANE WHITE'S,

FOR FIRST-CLASS

BOARD AND LODGING

21-MEAL TICKET FOR $2.50.

182 Muskingum St., Indianapolis, Ind.

A. HARTMAN,

412 N. WEST STREET.

Dealer in Staple and

Fancy Groceries.

Teas, Coffees, Canned Goods. Fresh Eggs, Choice Butter and Poulry.

A NEW STORE.

The Pfafflin Grocery Co.

S. W. Cor. Ohio & Illinois Sts.

A NEW STOCK.

Eatables of all kinds, including a regular Stock, Green Groceries, Meats, Fruits and Vegetables. Candies, Nuts and Foreign Fruits are always in stock, in fact we keep

"A FULL HOUSE"

....THE....

Sindlinger Meat Market

Is connected and all purchases are delivered Free within the City Limits.

Fresh Meats; Salt Meats

Of the best quality and at the Most Reasonable Prices.

MONEY SAVERS AND MAKERS

Come back to investments in Mother Earth's Peach Paradise of America, therein rests security and honest earnings for your money.

INVEST WITH THE

AMEICAN FRUIT COMPANY,

—Indianapolis, Indiana.—

For each share you will OWN AN INTEREST in 900 acres of the richest Fruit Land in America. Every year you will receive your part of the money from the sale of fruit growing on said land. 50,000 Plum Trees, 40,000 Grape Vines, 20,000 Pear Trees 50,000 peach trees; total 160,000 trees, &c. First peach shipments made in May, each year. Orchard cared for by the veteran Horticulturist, Solomon Hayes, who had charge of Indiana State Fair fruit exhibit, and C. W. Withoft, of Ohio, now at Ft. Valley, Ga.

You elect your own delegates from members to visit orchard each year during season to look after fruit shipments and money from fruit sales, that will be distributed among shareholders. Shares are $100 each but, until further notice, will be sold for only $78 each, on weekly payments of fifty cents a week or any other way you desire to pay. Non forfeitable after $35 is paid, so you can't lose. Shares will pay you from $15 to $75 each every year, as the diversity of fruit will be certain to produce good income. Niney days are allowed to make payments. We aid you if distressed. You pay same as any building and loan association, by book until maturity, and we will accept building and loan stock or books in even exchange for our Company Shares for amount you have paid to loan association and, instead of receiving 8 per cent interest you will earn more than double that sum most any year, and have your shares to give your children after you have passed away to draw dividends from for an indefinite time. No membership fees. No fines. No interest to pay. Honestly managed my members themselves. Office open every day and Saturday evenings for those wishing to know more fully, or we will call at residence on receipt of postal card. Your money is used to pay for the plant, land, trees and care for three years, thereafter crops grown between trees will pay cost of care. We desire to receive as many new subscribers as possible at once, to make their start on payment of 50 cents each share. Indianapolis business men of highest integrity are among our menbers. Here are a few, John Furnas, Sec. State Capital Building and Loan Association; L. A Koehne, City Passenger Agent C. H. & D. Ry.; Thomas Stokes, Auditor Pennsylvania Ry.; J. H. Jordan, Horticulturist; L. W. Waltke, at When Block; L. W. Daugherty, of Fletcher avenue; Charles H. Spaar, Wm. P. Ballard assistant editor of Indiana Farmer and Baptist; Rev. S. W. Pollard, of Congregational church; James H. Smith, Secretary New Year Savings Association; W. H. Cross, of Fletcher avenue and others. Do not let this chance to secure an honest and profitable investment slip by you. the opportunity may not occur again. Panics may come and go, but people will eat and will buy our fruit and pay money for it, so come aid us and help grow our orchard. The very first fruit sold in the northern markets brings the price.

After payment of $35 on each share, 50c a week or $2 a month, we will allow earnings of the Company to pay balance, but said shares shall cost $100—each—$65 of amount the fruit would pay. We allow postage and cost of express orders to be deducted from sums of money remitted to us.

The American Fruit Co.

Room 3, 36 W. Wash-st. Indianapolis, Indiana.

Neat illustrated pamphlet free.

Colored City sports are in New York City this week.

‖ ‖ ‖

Maj. Ben. F. Payne has joined South Before the War company.

‖ ‖ ‖

Colored City Sports are booked to appear in Detroit, Mich., Jan. 25-31.

‖ ‖ ‖

The Criterion Quartette has joined the South Before the War company.

‖ ‖ ‖

Eaton & Weather's appeared with Sam Devere's Own Company, week of Jan. 4.

‖ ‖ ‖

Darkest America is meeting with much success in their tour of Pennsylvania.

‖ ‖ ‖

Payne and Singleton's colored attractions for summer resorts are now being booked.

‖ ‖ ‖

Sam T. Jack's Creoles are playing to excellent business in Patterson, N. J., this week.

‖ ‖ ‖

J. Harry Fiddler, of Isham's Octoroons, has been very sick for the last eight weeks.

‖ ‖ ‖

"Ma Bunch O' Yellow Sweetness" is the latest song which is being sung with much success.

‖ ‖ ‖

Billy McClain and Mme. Cordelia have been engaged for Al G. Field's Darkest America.

‖ ‖ ‖

W. A. Dean, formerly of Darkest America company, is now with P. T. Wright's Nashville Students.

‖ ‖ ‖

Ed. Cross is the only colored member of Moore & Burgess' Minstrels, now playing in Manchester, England.

‖ ‖ ‖

At Hamilton, Ont., Canada, South Before the War aroused unusual enthusiasm, packing the great theatre Jan. 9.

‖ ‖ ‖

The Georgia Graduates an exceptionally strong organization, packed the house at Seattles, Wash., Jan. 4.

‖ ‖ ‖

The Canadian Jubilee Singers and Imperial Orchestra appeared to good houses at Washington, D. C., Jan. 13-14.

‖ ‖ ‖

Hodges & Launchmere are contributing their entertaining specialties at Miner's theatre, New York City, this week.

‖ ‖ ‖

Isham's Octoroons gave a concert on the evening of the 30th at Fall River, Mass., for the benefit of the Emergency Hospital.

‖ ‖ ‖

Mlle. Christine has just closed a two week's engagement at the Bijou theatre, Lowell, Mass., having appeared to good business.

‖ ‖ ‖

Tom Brown of Oriental America, was given a hearty reception by his friends during the engagement at Indianapolis, his home.

‖ ‖ ‖

Miss Ida Lee Wright, the accomplished artists of P. T. Wright's Nashville University Students, is winning much applause in her novelty dances.

‖ ‖ ‖

Blind Boone Concert company are appearing before large audiences through Texas this week. At San Antonia, Jan. 13, they turned away people.

‖ ‖ ‖

James Crosby, late member of Darkest America, and Lizzie Stewart, have been made members of Al. Reeves' Burlesque Co., their acts proving a desirable addition.

‖ ‖ ‖

Isham's Octoroons filled a return engagement at Carr's theatre, New York City, week of Jan. 4. Mme. Flower, Fred Piper and the others were well remembered.

‖ ‖ ‖

Black Patti Troubadours are presenting a performance of unusual excellence and enjoyment, clear, bright and up-to-date. They are playing to packed houses in Minneapolis, Minn., this week.

‖ ‖ ‖

Al. Anderson, of the Andersons, Al. and Mamie, playing at the Chicago, (Ill.) opera house, last week was called to his home, Keokuk, Ia., on account of the death of his mother on New Year's day.

‖ ‖ ‖

Lillian Thomas-Fox, the gifted elocutionist of Indianapolis, has proved herself to be a reader of extraordinary ability. She is unsurpassed in the delineation of French, German and Negro characters, her dialect being perfectly natural.

‖ ‖ ‖

The Old and Original Nashville Students are constantly pleasing their audiences, showing to the world brilliant stars in the colored profession. They travel in their own palace car, which costs $10,000. They still hold claim on P. G. Lowery, the greatest colored cornet soloist the world has ever known, has held the position of band master for the Students for the past four years. E. O. Green is still adding great attractions to the company and excellence to his ability with his phenomenal work as a slide trombone soloist. He is the coming soloist, and will soon hold supremacy over all colored artists that has ever grasped the most difficult instrument to master—the slide trombone. Mrs. P. T. Wright is the possessor of a rich, sweet contra-alto voice, and is fast winning laurels with her new dancing and singing. Among the new members will be found Hampton and Johnson, musical directors and funmakers, also Prof. A. H. Montgomery, the great orchestra leader and violin soloist. The well-known John Stewart, the wire king, is proving himself the most daring wire leech that ever stuck to a slack wire. W. A. Dean, late with Darkest America, is also a feature. They have a complete band and orchestra composed of Knights of Pythias, and the greatest of all colored show managers, P. T. Wright, spares no pains or money to make it a success.

Our Holiday Reduction will expire the 30th. Send us $1.00 now for one whole year's excellent reading matter.

In Honor of Guests.

Ft. Wayne, Ind., Special.

Isaiah Bassett and Mrs. James Smith gave a reception in honor of Mmes. C. H. Mosley, Frank Artis and Melissa Coleman, of Kokomo. The invited guest were Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Brown, Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Young, Mr. and Mrs. E. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. C. Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Smith, Mr. and Mrs, J. Ridley, Mrs. Frank Rhue, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown, Mr. and Mrs. J. Black, Mr. and J. Mrs. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. D. Burnett, Misses Eliza Breadshaw, V. Allen, Miss Pettiford, of Logansport; Miss Emma Coleman, of Greenfield, O.; Mmes. Sabra Raines, Carrie Greshman, Misses Daisy James, Laura Brown, Loue Dickson, Messrs. R. W. Topp, of Chicago; George Adams, of Degraff, O.; Evens Adams, Elias Bassett, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Williams, Messrs. Harry Brown, John Rhodes, Mr. Henderson, of Adrain, Mich.; Samuel Bland. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Powel, Mrs. F. H. Torman, Mr. Melo, of Chicago. Menu served:

Consomme in Cups,
Celery, Onions, Olives,
Fillet of White Fish,
Pepers, Mangoes,
Cold Turkey, Chicken Salad,
Claret Wine, Fancy Cake,
Ice Cream,
Neufchatel Cheese, Water Crackers,
Coffee.

Will Build a New Church.

Ennis, Tex., Special.

Rev. J. A. Stewart of Jenett, Tex., was in the city last week, the guest of his daughter, Mrs. James White. Mr. and Mrs. Graves have three very sick children. Prof. J. P. Elliott is still ill. Rev. Benson, P. E., was here this week. Rev. W. D. F. Pyle, P. E., of Waxahachie district, left the city this week. Mrs. Leaner Sweeney and others left recently on a pleasure trip. Mr. Joe Roark of this city, called a special meeting of Masonic and other friends of secret socities, to give those who wished to join the Masonic Lodge a fair chance for a small fee. Mrs. Laura Sykes of Dallas, Tex., was in the city, the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Jannie White. The Old Fellows met at the usual hour with Wm. Underhill N. G., and took up the usual form of business. The election of officers are as follows: Bros D. A. Macoin, P. S., F. Roark, W. T., D. V. Young, W. C., F. D. Sherrell, Advocate. Rev. H. A. Wells left for Houston to see his family. Miss Anna McNeale gave Ennis a short visit during the holidays. Mr. Richman Washington's sister was in the city the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Aarnloe. Mr. C. Blount and wife of Chatfield, are in the city the guest of their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Kittie Blount. Hon. E. H. R. Green, president of the Texas Midland R. R., passed through the city enroute to Galveston, Tex., on official business. The Third Baptist church have bought a lot to erect their building on. Mrs. Mollie Blount entertained several of her lady friends at dinner. Blind Boone entertained the people of Ennis the 25th ult. Miss Cornelia Wilson and Miss Bessie Sherrell left for Ft. Worth to spend the holidays with friends and relatives of Miss Sherrell. Mr. Paine left for Denison, Tex., last week. Mr. Jerry Young is indisposed. Mr. John Swain died last week. He leaves a wife and seven children. Miss Annie Jane Battel and Mr. Thomas Battey were married last week. Mr. W. L. McKew of India Territory, has opened a new grocery store on Baptist Hill. Mr. Fontain has a grocery store in the West end. John Swain jr., is ill. Eaphen Moody left for Waco last week.

No. 31

Rev. A. M. Shimer, 1544 E. Maple St., Des Moines, Ia. writes; "Myself and family have used your Dr. Kay's Renovator and we regard it as a very excellent medicine. Its gentle action upon the stomach and its effect upon the general system is very satisfactory. I have been troubled for a number of years with INSOMNIA, and I have used various remedies with but little, if any beneficial effect until I commenced using Dr. Kay's Renovator. Now I sleep sweetly."

Dr. Kay's Renovator

is a positive cure for Dyspepsia, Constipation, Headache, Nervousness Neuralgia, Rheumatism, Liver and Kidney diseases. Sold by druggists at 25 cts. and $1, or sent by mail by Dr. B. J. Kay Medical Co., Omaha, Neb. Send stamp for FREE SAMPLE and Booklet. SOLD BY DRUGGISTS.

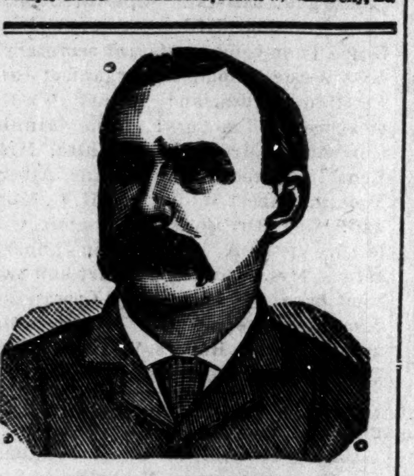
S. C. Pomeroy, opp. post offi e, Indianapolis.

Sexual Power

Positively and Permanently Restored in 2 to 10 days; EFFECT IN 24 HOURS; almost immediate relief. No nauseating drugs, minerals, piles or poisons, but the DELICIOUS MEXICAN CONFECTION, composed of fruits, herbs and plants. The most POWERFUL TONIC KNOWN. Restores the Vigor, Snap and Health of youth. Sealed Book Free giving full particulars. Address San Mateo Med. Co., Box 481 St. Louis, Mo

Mention The Freeman.

A PEEP ather mysteries. Effects of a sporting life. 8 page book for men, 20 pictures true to life. Sent sealed in plain wrapper for 10c silver or stamps. Address HENDERSON, Drawer W, Kansas City, Mo.



$1,000 REWARD.

DR. SHEA MARVELOUS MEDIUM.

Gives the names of dead and living friends tells who and when you will marry, also of business journeys, lawsuits, absent friends, health or anything you wish to know no matter what it is. He can call up your spirit friends and show them to you. Can make them rap all around the room. He asks no questions, don't ask you to write names for him. Don't try to pump you in any way, but tells you right off. He is thoroughly endorsed by leading spiritualists everywhere, received from them a gold medal and special license to practice his wonderful powers; credentials no one else can show, can give thousands of reference to both white and colored patrons. Twenty-five years' practice—seven in Brooklyn —will show you that he can do all he tells of. Can tell what business is best for you and where, how to win speedy marriage with the one you love. How to be successful in all your doings, in short, what is best to do. He succeeds when all others fail. Positive satisfaction or no pay. Call and see. You will find it lucky to consult this Christian gentleman. He has a medicine that will cure drunkenness, can be given patients not knowing it. Thousands through him are now

RICH, HAPPY AND SUCCESSFUL

with all their undertakings, while those who neglect his advice are still laboring against poverty. Through his perfect knowledge of chemistry he can impart to you a secret that will overcome your enemies and win you friends. His aid and advice has often been solicted; the result has always been the securing of speedy and happy marriages and all your wishes. In love affairs he never fails. He has the secret of winning the affections of the opposite sex.

It is the curse of Spiritualism that in all large cities there are a class of men and women who claim powers they do not possess. They have neither gifts, credentials, nor references. Surely the colored people are not so wanting ing in sense as to throw their time and money away on such. Dr. Shea refers to the Hon. Chas. Miller, capitalist, 2481 Atlantic Ave.; the Hon. Wm. Denmore, architect and builder, 47 Cleveland avenue, and Mr. Fred Lampe, grocer, 641 Fulton street, Brooklyn. All have known him for the past ten years. He gives a free test of his power to all. The doctor has practiced five years in New Orleans, St. Louis, Memphis, and Louisville; understands thoroughly the diseases, spells or influences the race is subject to. He has now and always had a large patronage from them.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING:

Brooklyn, Aug. 15, 1891.—This is to certify that I came to New York from Albany. I was a stranger in a strange city, out of work and out of money. I had no luck in anything I undertook. What to do I did not know. A friend advised me to go and see Dr. Shea. I did. He told me the cause of my troubles; he took me in and treated me as a brother. Through him I got a good position that very week. I had been to others; they took my money and did me no good. I bless the day I first met Dr. Shea. I would advise all in bad luck, sick or in trouble to go to him at once.
Sincerely, Albert Ayers,
2937 Atlantic Ave.

Brooklyn, Aug. 15, 1891.—This letter is to certify that my husband had gone away and had been absent two years. I mourned for him night and day. I gave him up as dead. Hearing of the wonderful things Dr. Shea was doing I resolved to consult him. He told me that my husband was alive and well and where he was; told me he would come home and when. To my joy all of it came true. He is home now came back like one from the dead. I also wish to say that this month I lost $250. I am a poor woman and I was almost insane. I went to Dr. Shea and he told me I would find my money and to my intense joy I did find it as he told me. I thank God there is a man so gifted in our midst that can help people and tell them what to do. Sincerely, Mrs. Barrett,
a 121-23rd Street.

A SENSATION IN BROOKLYN—A MINISTER'S STATEMENT.

I wish to state that one of my parishoners was sick and in trouble for a long time, Mrs. Brown, 37 Gay street. No one seemed to understand her case. She had several doctors, but none of them seemed to know what was the matter. None could do her any good. It was my duty as her pastor to call and see her. Hearing of the wonderful work being done by Dr. Shea the last few years, I thought I would call and see him myself, I found him a sympathetic gentleman. He gave me a wonderful test of his powers; told me to send him a lock of patient's hair, which I did by her daughter. He told at one what was the matter and in a short time cured her sound and well. Her family had seemingly been under a cloud. Now all is changed. All are well and prosperous. I can truely and and heartily recommend Dr. Shea, to all those in sickness or distress of any kind, Rev. William Johnson, pastor Lebanon church, Brooklyn,

Dr. Shea can show thousands such as the above.

DR. SHEA

has been carefully e ucated in the Homoepathic and Electric Schools of Medicine. His success is wonderful in curing paralysis, Rheumatism, Asthma, Sore Eyes, Tumors, Cancers, Constipation, Ague, Dypepsia, Tape Worms, Liver Complaints, Deafness, Catarrh, Dropsy, Piles, Nervous Debility, Heart Diseases, Consumption, Diseases of Women and Children, Fits, Kidney Disease, and all strange mysterious diseases which others don't understand. All diseases, no matter what they be. Nothing but honorable treatment. He can and will honestly tell you if you can be cured. Has all new remedies and new success. Has an ample experience in public hospital and private clinics. No trifling with human life. Call at once. Do not delay. Diplomas hang in parlors. Is a registered physician. A new remedy for rheumatism just discovered not a linament. Hopeless cases and those that others cannot cure solicited to call. Fat folks thin, the childless made parents. All letters must contain $1.00, two stamps, age, lock of hair. Charges for medical treatment only. Mention this paper.

651 Fulton street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

SPIRIT OF FLOWERS. **SWEET EGLANTINE!** QUEEN OF HAIR LOTIONS.

Like Old Gold . .

It is beautiful; LIKE THE DIAMOND, it is BRILLIANT where others are dull; like MOTHER'S LOVE, it never disappoints you.

SWEET EGLANTINE!

This unapproachable HAIR DRESSING, DANDRUFF ERADICATOR and SCALP HEALER, now for the FIRST TIME announced for sale in America, has been for ages the sole secret and property of the ROYAL FAMILY and NOBILITY OF MADAGASCAR, those fine-featured members of the dark-skinned races of the earth, whose luxuriant hair (note Queen Ranavolona) has for centuries given them an unique standing among the races made famous by Byron's beautiful description of "The Land of the East."

At great expense and much trouble it is now for the first time placed within the reach of the citizens of America. If you desire to dress your hair as you have *often wished you might;* if you are *troubled with dandruff,* with an *itching scalp,* feverish and *blotched* with a *dry substance resembling scales;* have you tender spots on your scalp; is *your hair stubborn, bristly;* does it *curl and draw up* despite the efforts of *brush, comb and elbow grease* to make it *pliable, soft* and *glossy;* is it of a *dull, dead color,* lusterless, lifeless; can't you curl it if you desire, or brush it straight when you are anxious to do so; in a word, do you desire

The Richest and Best Hairdressing on Earth?

—THEN SEND FOR—

EGLANTINE!

SWEET EGLANTINE!
BRIGHT EGLANTINE!
FAIR EGLANTINE!
RICH EGLANTINE!
BEST EGLANTINE!
TRUE EGLANTINE!
PURE EGLANTINE!

RANAVOLONA,
QUEEN OF MADAGASCAR.

THE LAND OF THE EAST.

"Know ye the land where the cypress and myrtle
Are emblems of deeds that are done in their clime?
Where the rage of the vulture, the love of the turtle,
Now melt into sorrow, now madden to crime?
Know ye the land of the cedar and vine,
Where the flowers ever blossom, the beams ever shine;
Where the light wings of zephyr, oppress'd with perfume,
Wax faint o'er the gardens of Gul in her bloom;
Where the citron and olive are fairest of fruit,
And the voice of the nightingale never is mute;
Where the tints of the earth, and the hues of the sky,
In color though varied, in beauty may vie,
And the purple of ocean is deepest in dye;
Where the virgins are soft as the roses they twine,
And all save the spirit of man is divine?
'Tis the clime of the East; 'tis the land of the Sun—"
The home of the brave, and SWEET EGLANTINE!

ONE TRIAL IS SUFFICIENT! HAS NO RIVALS! STANDS ALONE!

PRICES—One Bottle, 50 cents; Three Bottles, $1.25; Six Bottles, $2.50. No Goods Sent C. O. D. Address all orders

HAIR CULTURIST MANUFACTURING CO.

128 WEST VERMONT STREET, - - - - - INDIANAPOLIS, IND., U. S. A.

Send money by Money Order, Registered Letter, or Express. Stamps taken.

CAUTION—SWEET EGLANTINE is manufactured and sold in America solely by the HAIR CULTURIST MANUFACTURING COMPANY. Any representation to the contrary is *unauthorized,* and the culprits once detected will be *handled* by the law.

—THE GREAT—

Madagascan Improved Hair GROWER

Leaves no bad effects behind after use. No danger of an injured scalp. Instead of weakening, it strengthens and nourishes the roots of the hair, thus insuring rapid growth of the hair.

The Madagascan Improved Hair Grower

Will cause the hair to grow where there is none; thick hair when thin; long hair when short, and causes hair to grow on the temples. Cures all scalp diseases. One trial is sufficient. It will vindicate at once and complete the highest expectations of its wonderful qualities. Nothing beginning to equal it in real efficacy in all the merits claimed for it, has ever been offered to the American people until now. No lady or gentleman having use for such a remedy, harmless but great, need not be without it.

Price, sent to any address, $1.00 per bottle; three bottles, $2.50; six bottles, $5.00. Address all orders to the

Hair Culturst Manufacturing Co.

128 W. Vermont St.,
INDIANAPOLIS, - - INDIANA.

No goods sent C. O. D. Send by money order, registered letter or express. Stamps taken.

Normal and Agricultural Institute, Hampton, Va.

—ARMSTRONG & SLATER—

MEMORIAL TRADE SCHOOL.

A new trade school building to cost, with equipment, $40,000, is to be erected and opened in October, '96. Bricklaying, Carpentry, Blacksmithing, Painting, Wheelwrighting and Machinist trades. Board, room and washing, $10 per month. No charge for tuition For further information and trade circular apply to

H. B. Frissel, Principal, Hampton, Virginia.

PATENTS

QUICKLY SECURED. Trade-marks and Copyrights registered and patent business of every description promptly and skillfully conducted at lowest rates. Inventions introduced, companies formed, and PATENTS SOLD ON COMMISSION. 25 years' experience. Highest references. Send us model, sketch or Photo. of invention, with explanation, and we will report whether patentable or not, free of charge. OUR FEE PAYABLE WHEN PATENT IS ALLOWED. When patent is secured we will conduct its sale for you without extra charge. 32-PAGE HAND-BOOK and list of 200 inventions wanted mailed to inventors free upon request. This is the most complete little patent book published and every inventor should WRITE FOR ONE.

H. B. WILLSON & CO., Patent Solicitors, Le Droit B'ld'g. WASHINGTON, D. C.

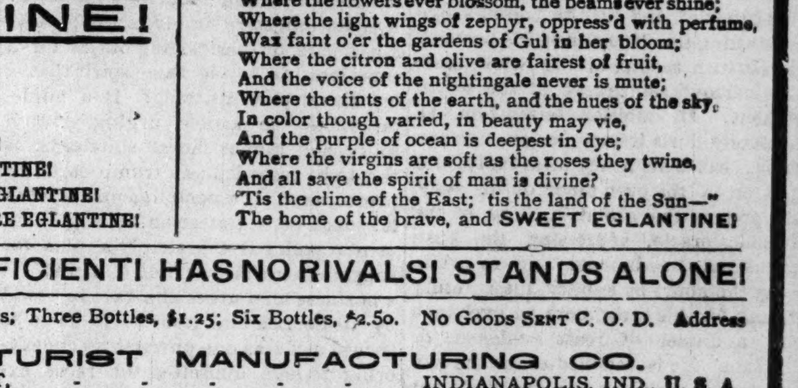
WEAK MEN

Instant Relief. Cure in 15 days. Never returns. I will gladly send to any sufferer in a plain sealed envelope FREE a prescription with full directions for a quick, private cure for Lost Manhood, Night Losses, Nervous Debility, Small Weak Parts, Varicocele, etc I also have the medicines for sale. Address G. B. Wright, Box 1205, Marsha'l, Mich.

Mention The Freeman.

INVINCIBLE HATCHER CO.

$10 Hatcher. SPRINGFIELD, OHO. $5 Brooder.



For the Beginner, The Amateur, The Person of Limited Means.

Send two stamps for Catalogue No. 21. An outfit for $15.00. Hatcher & Brooder, separate machines.

These are our low priced machines, but we give all the guaranty that we place on higher priced ones.

I am Just as Pretty as I Can Be!

Becau use Mme. Turner's Great French System for my Hair and Complexion.

BEFORE AFTER

These cuts were taken from one of her customers whose hair was changed as you see one treatment.

SOFT, STRAIGHT and GLOSSY HAIR

straighten my hair with Cheveline because I don't have to use hot irons, and I can wash my hair and the straightening appears as natural as if born with it. For proof, send a piece of your hair and 10 cents for sample of her work. Cheveline is put up in two sizes, $10.00 and $5.00, with full instructions.

Madame Turner's Mystic Pomade,

Will straighten your hair beautifully, but not as lasting as Cheveline. It is also excellent for dressing children's hair. Price 50 cents per bottle.

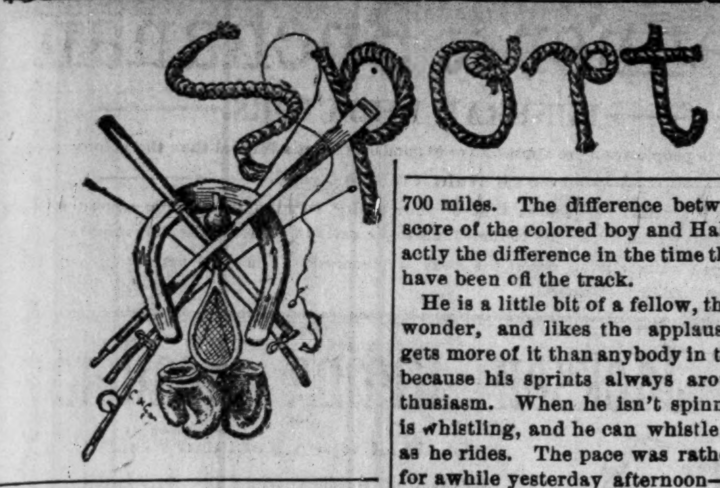
Medicated Hair Grower Is what I used when my hair was thin and falling out on the temples, and I was also turning gray; but Mme. Turner's Medicated Hair Grower stopped it all. Price $1.00 per bottle.

Mme. Turner's Mystic Face Bleach Beats everything I ever used. I used to have black heads, liver spots, freckles and wrinkles. The Bleach and her Medicated Skin Soap have made me about two shades fairer, and gives me a lovely complexion. Mystic Face Bleach, price $1.00 per bottle. Mystic Skin and Scalp Soap, price 25 cents per cake, three cakes for 60 cents. If you take the agency you can earn from $4 to $6 a day. If you straighten your hair with irons, Mme. Turner has the best I ever saw. Send all money by post office order, bank draft or express. No goods C. O. D.

M. C. TURNER,

3112 CARONDELET ST., NEW ORLEANS.

Mention The Freeman.



The veteran walker, Jack Hibberd, was defeated by Fred Hollingsworth in a walking match of one mile, for $50 a side, at the White Hart Grounds, London, Eng., Dec. 14, the time occupied in compassing the distance being 8m. 22s.

‡ ‡ ‡

A hockey match was contested at the St. Nicholas Skating Rink, New York, on Tuesdy evening, Dec. 22, the Union Club players being varquished by the team from the New York Racquet and Tennis Club by a score of three goals to n e.

‡ ‡ ‡

A polo game was contested at the Clermont Avenue Rink, in Brooklyn, N. Y., on Wednesday evening, Dec 23, the team representing the Brooklyn polo club defeating the picked team of the United States Marine Corps by a score of three goals to one.

‡ ‡ ‡

Ambrose Park, in South Brooklyn, N. Y., was the scene of a match at football on Christmas afternoon, the teams, engaged representing the players of the steamship Teutonic and the Brooklyn Wanderers, and the latter winning by a score of five goals to two.

‡ ‡ ‡

"What is the difference between no contest and a draw?" a correspondent has just written me, says Joseph Donovan in the Chicago News. It is an old query, asked a hundred times a year. Disputants get to arguing over it and then leave it to some one supposod to know to decide. My seeker for information has the long meeting between Peter Jackson and Jim Corbett in mind. He has wagered A a fiver there is no difference, and A reminds him that was the decision of the referee—no contest—and a refree's say is final; had the referee meant draw he would have said it. But no matter what the referee said about the fight between Jackson and Corbett being no contest, I can aver, having witnessed it, that there was a contest and so could thousands of others who watched it that night. The referee may as well have said there were no such persons as Corbett and Jackson. The catch in this case comes from the referee's looseness of words. What he intended to say was this; "There has been no finish—that is, a winner—and the club contracted with the parties for a finish; therefore, the compact is unfulfilled and the club is not bound to pay the purse." This is all there is to it; the referee meant to say "no finish" and his decision is final only when he uses understandable language. There is, then, not a particle of difference between no contest and a draw.

‡ ‡ ‡

Speaking of the colored contestant for the bicycle championship in the six days "go as you please" match in New York city recently, the New York World said: The star of the race thus far is Major Taylor, and truly the little Negro is a marvel. When he first appeared the crowd laughed at him and chaffed him. Presently he showed that he could ride fast, and then came the discovery that there was no one in the race who could sprint with him. None expected him to last more than twenty-four hours. He is as black as coal and he has a fine, intelligent, laughing face. No one rides more graceful or with less waste energy than he. He is careful about fouling, and he doesn't take any unnecessary chances. He has done more sprinting than all the others put together, and yet there is only one man who seems as fresh as he, and that is Hale.

Taylor came from Indianapolis. He used to be the mascot of the Ziz Zag Club out there. When he was about fourteen there was a fifteen mile club run and the "Major,' was allowed to take part. He was given fifteen minutes and there was not a rider who was him until the finish. The boy went to work in a 'cycle factory. He is an expert mechanic. Moreover, he is a fine trick rider.

It wasn't expected that he would last as long as he has in this race, but he bids fair to keep at it. He works on a system—eight hours of riding and one hour of sleep He has followed it. The sprinting he has done ought to have killed him long ago. He started it at the beginning. Then he clung to Hale's wheel for 155 miles. The Irishman could not shake him off. There isn't as much sprinting now as there was in the beginning—or rather the sprinting isn't as fast. The boy occasionally starts out by himself and gains a few laps. The practice of the short distance men and the black and white tandem are a delight to him. He jumps out and rushes around with the sprinter as if he hadn't ridden nearly 700 miles. The difference between the score of the colored boy and Hale is exactly the difference in the time that they have been off the track.

He is a little bit of a fellow, this black wonder, and likes the applause. He gets more of it than anybody in the race, because his sprints always arouse enthusiasm. When he isn't spinning he is whistling, and he can whistle as well as he rides. The pace was rather slow for awhile yesterday afternoon—that is about fourteen miles an hour—and the boy amused himself by reading a newspaper as he rode around. He eats and drinks less on the track than the other riders.

Society and Personal Happenings.

Temple, Tex., Special.

Miss Fannie Knox, of Bellville, Tex., who has been visiting friends in Temple, returned home Saturday. Miss Hattie Sledge, of Chapel Hill, Tex., who has been spending the holidays in Temple, left Saturday for her home. George Martin spent Christmas in Brenham with friends and relatives. Rev. T. C. Denham, presiding elder of Temple district, will hold his first quarterly conference in this city at the Waymen A. M. E. church. Nelson Simpson lost his baby last week. Mrs. Russell is still on the sick list. Mrs. Hettie Lloyd is better. Sophia Newson, of Bastrop, Tex., died in Temple last week. Mrs. Lucinda Jones, mother of Miss Callie Fowler, passed through Temple last week enroute to Bastrop, her home. Johnnie Fowler made a flying trip to Bastrop last week. Eugene Anderson came up from Bastrop Saturday. Miss Clara Grave has been spending the holidays in Brenham. Rev. F. Garnett preached in Bartlet, Tex., recently. Dr. L. M. Lindsey, of the city, preached an interesting sermon at the First Baptist church last Sunday. One of the clubs of the First Baptist church, known as the Toliver club, gave a grand snow ball entertainment on the 9th. Albert Powell and Hick Terrell made an overland trip to Lampass, Tex., last week. They report having a nice time. Mrs. T. Kirby has been visiting Ft. Worth during the holidays. Jeff. Jackson, of Belton, is visiting Temple this week. Willis Cragg made a flying trip to Burton last week. The Central Cotton Seed Oil mill is running on full time now. The Empire mill started up yesterday. Hunter Phenix spent the holidays in Dallas and Waco. Robert F. Allen, of Houston, line man for the Western Union Telegraph company, was in the city last week on business for the company. The Blind Boone concert company played at the opera house last week.

News Notes—Personal Mention.

Corsicana, Tex., Special.

Mr. James Thomas is thinking of locating in another town. Moody's band gave the city a grand concert on the 1st inst. Mrs. Hodlamon of Henderson, Tex., is in the city visiting her daughter, Mrs. Will Graham. The Freeman will be for sale each Saturday, call on I. E. Kennedy, agent. Mr. Alex. Taylor, chef at the Commercial Hotel, is indisposed this week. Subscribe for The Freeman. Mr and Mrs. Alford, assisted by Mrs. Ella Kennedy entertained Friday at supper Mr. and Mrs. Clark of this city. There are twenty-five barber shops in this city, all with two exceptions are owned by colored men. Prof. G. Bragg was in the city on the 1st inst. Prof. Grant Lacy went to Tyler on the 30th ult. Hon. Goodlow was in the city last week. Miss Dixie Ballard, after spending a week at her home in Tyler, has returned to the city. Call on I. E. Kennedy and subscribe only $1.00. Leave all interesting items of news with the agent and subscribe for The Freeman. The school board has decided to build another school building in the near future for the colored people. Prof. Jackson was instrumental in securing it. Watch our next issue, it will be grand. Read The Freeman and be wise. Mr. I. E. Kenney has been appointed agent for The Freeman at Corsicana, Tex. Mrs. Bulah Graham is ill at this writing. Miss Dora Ballard after spending the holidays in the city, returned to her home in Tyler. Mrs. Dr. Terrell and Miss Roberta Warren of Tyler, passed through the city last week.

C. H. & D. 1,000 Mile Tickets $20.00.

Are good on the following railroads; Louisville, New Albany & Chicago; Michigan Central bet. Toledo and Detroit; Terre Haute & Indianapolis; Peoria, Decatur & Evansville; Indiana, Decatur & Western; N. Y. P. & O. Div. Erie; Dayton & Union; Findlay, Ft. Wayne & Western; New York, Chicago & St. Louis; Toledo, St. Louis & Kansas City; Balto. & Ohio. west of Pittsburg and Benwood, and between Pitsburg and Wheeling; also between Indianapolis and Washington, D. C., via Cincinnati and Parkersburg, for continuous passage; B. & O. Southwestern; Cleveland Terminal & Valley; Pittsburg & Western; Columbus, Hocking Valley & Toledo, Cleveland, Loraine & Wheeling; Chicago & Southeastern; Wheeling & Lake Erie; Columbus, Sandusky & Hocking; Pittsburg, Shenango & Lake Erie; Cincinnati, Jackson and Mackinaw; Ohio Central Lines; Cleveland, Canton & Southern; Ohio Southern; Lima Northern; Evansville & Terre Haute; and will be accepted in payment for excess baggage, also for seats in the C. H. & D. Ry. Parlor Cars, and for Bridge Tolls into St. Louis.

Don't wait 'til to-morrow but send $1 for one year's subscription.

AS IF BY MAGIC HAND

WILL THE DOORS OF AMERICAN INDUSTRIES OPEN TO NEGROES

If They Will Prove Honest, Brave and Daring—More Washingtons Wanted To Lead the Vast Army of Girls and Boys to Fields of Industry.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

In all we say we mean to be general so far as we go. The Negro Problem being a complex one, we mean to take the political part and labor hard and long, if necessary, to solve it. There are numerous other parts of this problem, such as pertaining to business, to gain a standing in the commercial world, too numereus to mention. We would be glad for some colored man or men to begin along that line. We mean to speak from a general stand point. We don't mean to present anything new along this line, but simply speak of the situation as it exists with us as a race, and try and repair our political machines (votes) so as to work them in unison with each other, so as to derive the most good for the most people in question, that is, the Afro-American. First, we must forget our social relations or differences when we can unite our political strength for our national good. We cannot expect to ever be successful politically, whilst we be prejudiced to each other on the account of our creed, religious, possessions or misfortune. Remember we are a race, and that which concerns one part of the race should concern us all. Therefore, men of my race, men of reason, will you consider the three common reasons that keep the race divided. My dear countrymen unite for God's sake in order to elevate our race. Aim to reach a common level, by a steady, slow but sure process, owing to the nature of the field in which we labor. We must make personal sacrifices of self in order to gain or accomplish anything for the race.

If we mean to pose as leaders for personal gain, it were better that we had never made a start. This is the great hinderence to our progress today, we are too easily bribed. Whenever a Negro takes the lead from a race pride standpoint, he is bought by the political drummer for a petty clerkship or a third class office in order to get him out of the way, thus leaving the cause to the next self-aspiring leader. He who intends to take the lead in this direction must first deny himself of any thing that tends to stop his actual services along this line.

"Never think this victory won,
Nor lay your armor down
Your ardeous work will not be done,
'Tiil thou obtain the crown."

The same army you lead to victory will crown you with laurels. after the victory is won; or your generalship proven. After U. S. Grant proved his generalship in war, he served eight years as the chief executive of his country. We don't want social rights with anyone when our sociability is not wanted. What we need is to open the political avenues, making it possible to get our share of the public money or indirect taxes we pay, and we will soon be direct taxpayers. What we want and must have is the reciprocity in the politics effecting the colored race the same as other races, without reference to color or previous conditions. In order to bring about the above we mean to use fair and honerable means, and should we fail to perfect such an alliance as we need and want with our political party, we mean to declare war and fight it out at the ballot box, without making any sacrifices of our political convictions, only contending for a Democratic form of government effecting all men alike.

In this battle we fight as a nation in order to establish ourelves as a nation. We want to enjoy the political rights the same as any other race according to our worth, and not our color. They say we cannot demand, because we have not the financial guarantee. Let the white race pay the colored race for his services for 300 years past, and he will not have as much as we have gained in 30 years. They claim we have no right that they are bound to respect, because we don't compel them to pay us the debt they owe. They will be taught inasmuch as we are generally responsible for their political victories, we can be responsible for their defeat. Reciprocity in politics will bring about the same in the industrial world. No coward can, or will be respected as a man by the brave. Prove your manhood in war by contending for and establishing your rights as men, and you will be respected as men in civil life. Then the doors of the American industries will be no longer barred against me because I am of a dark hue, then the avenues of industries will be opened to the aspiring Negro; then the Negro will build his financial standing (bank account) like other people, and we will get all the social recognition we need.

"Render unto Caesar, that which is Caesars." I will take this opportunity to refer to one part of this problem that is beihg solved every day in the industrial school of Alabama. The leader after viewing his deplorable condition and no doubt he heard the cries of the coming generation, with a head full of thought, a heart full of generosity, chosen by God almighty, appointed by man, left his home, taken up the fundamental, and essential part of this problem, and after upward a score of years along this line, the world joins hands to compliment the result. Is there another black Washington, who will take up the cause or problem and assist in opening the doors of industry to the proficient subjects of this institution.

Oh, God! our help in ages past,
We hope in years to come,
Our deliverer from the shackles past,
Our present deliverer be.

WM. COPELAND CALLOWAY,
746 Barr Street, Cincinnati, O.

UNTOLD MISERY FROM RHEUMATISM

C. H. King, Water Valley, Miss., cured by

Ayer's Sarsaparilla

"For five years, I suffered untold misery from muscular rheumatism. I tried every known remedy, consulted the best physicians, visited Hot Springs, Ark., three times, spending $1000 there, besides doctors' bills; but could obtain only temporary relief. My flesh was wasted away so that I weighed only ninety-three pounds; my left arm and leg were drawn out of shape, the muscles

being twisted up in knots. I was unable to dress myself, except with assistance, and could only hobble about by using a cane. I had no appetite, and was assured, by the doctors, that I could not live. The pains, at times, were so awful, that I could procure relief only by means of hypodermic injections of morphine. I had my limbs bandaged in clay, in sulphur, in poultices; but these gave only temporary relief. After trying everything, and suffering the most awful tortures, I began to take Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Inside of two months, I was able to walk without a cane. In three months, my limbs began to strengthen, and in the course of a year, I was cured. My weight has increased to 165 pounds, and I am now able to do my full day's work as a railroad blacksmith."

AYER'S

The Only World's Fair Sarsaparilla.

AYER'S PILLS cure Headache.

SANTAL-MIDY

In 48 hours Gonorrhea and discharges from the urinary organs, arrested by Santal Midy Capsules without inconvenience Price $1. of ALL Druggists, or P. O. Box 2081, New York. MIDY

Mention The Freeman.

Dr. Kay's Renovator It purifies and enriches the blood and is the best NERVE TONIC yet discovered.

Kidneykura a specific for rheumatism and Kindey Diseases.

BUSINESS MEDIUM.

MRS. MARTH, the world renowned and highly celebrated business and test MEDIUM, reveals everything. No imposition. Can be consulted on all affairs of Life, Business, Love and Marriage a specialty. Every mystery revealed, also of absent, deceased and living friends. Removes all troubles and estrangements, challenges any Medium who can exceed her in her startling revelation of the past, present and future events in one's life. Remember, she will not, for any price, flatter you; you may rest assured you will gain facts without nonsense. She can be consulted on all affairs of Life, Love, Courtship, Marriage, Friends, etc., with description of future companion. The is very accurate in describing missing friends, enemies, etc. Her advice upon sickness, change in business, journeys, lawsuits, contested wills, divorce and speculation is valuable and reliable. She reads your destiny—good or bad; she withholds nothing.

MRS. MARTH tells your entire life—past present and future—in a DEAD TRANCE, has the power of any two Mediums you ever met In tests she tells your mother's full name before marriage, the names of all your family, their ages and description, the name and business of your future husband, the name of your next, if you are to have one, the name of the young man who now calls on you, the name of your future husband, and the day, month and year of your marriage—how many children you have or will have—whether you are married or single; whether your present sweetheart will be true to you and if he will marry you; if you have no sweetheart, she will tell you when you will have, and his name, business and date of acquaintance. ALL YOUR FUTURE will be told in an honest, clear, plain manner and in a dead trance. Mothers should know the success of their husbands and children, young ladies should know everything about their sweethearts or intended husband. Do not keep company, marry or go into business until you know all, do not let silly religious scruples prevent your consulting.

Madame is the only one in the world who can tell you the FULL NAME of your future husband, with age and date of marriage, and tells whether the one you love is true or false.

There are some persons who believe that there is no truth to be gained from consulting a Medium, but such beliefs are contrary to the truth. It is only from the lack of discrimination that such a conclusion can be reached. It is not everyone who placards himself or herself as a Madium that can stand a test of what he or she claims. And a person of an enquiring mind may ask the reason why. It is simply that these advisers do not take the trouble to study human nature. They do not spend their thoughts for a moment with acquiring the art of phrenology and kindred branches that will have a tendency to make the pathway to the road of the business clear and devoid of obstacles.

It is an undeniable fact that persons will come for advice—in full knowledge of what they want to know, and yet, as soon as they confront a Medium they try their utmost endeavor to dispel from their minds what they know so as to hear if it will be rehearsed by the Medium. To get the secret out of a person by "pumping," in no few cases, is the art used by many unprincipaled Mediums, but to take hold of the hand and gain control of the mind thereby, is a matter of impossibility to most of them. And yet this can be done, and by consulting MRS. MARTH this seeming mystery becomes a realization.

This subject has received no little attention by eminent men and even college professors. So it proves conclusively that although there are infringers in our midst with "oily tongues," perhaps, the gates of wisdom have not been closed to the entire profession.

It takes a great deal of study to become an accomplished Medium, and by a continuous and untiring effort, the key to the well of apparently unfathomable mysteries have been procured by MRS. MARTH for the benefit of humanity. By letter, advice $1.00, Hours from 10 a. m. to 9 p. m. All letters must contain stamps for answers.

MRS. M. B. MARTH,
202 West 31st St.,
NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.

Mention The Freeman.

HORSES AND POULTRY

Every owner of either fowls or horses should have a copy of these..........

TWO GREAT BOOKS

New and Complete

POULTRY BOOK

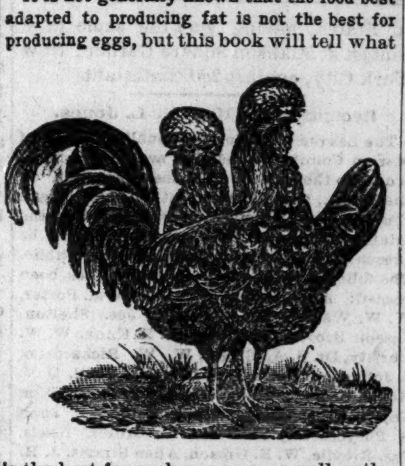
By C. E. THORNE,

Director Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station.

224 PAGES.
92 ILLUSTRATIONS.

Many new and advanced ideas are given, which, if followed, will enable you to secure more satisfactory results, whether you are raising poultry for the market or for home use.

It is not generally known that the food best adapted to producing fat is not the best for producing eggs, but this book will tell what



is the best for each purpose, as well as the best kinds of poultry to raise for eggs and for the market.

All poultry is subject to disease, and here will be found the proper cures for all known diseases.

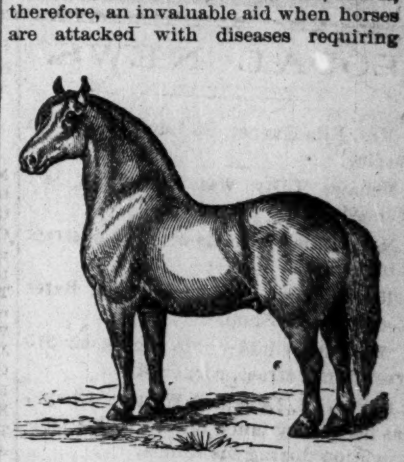
The complete index, listing 372 different subjects, covers almost every point on which the poultry raiser desires information.

THE HANDY HORSE BOOK

A Manual for Every American Horse Owner.

A Treatise on How to Breed, Buy, Train, Use, Feed, Drive and Ride a Horse.

It also gives the symptoms, causes and cures of all known horse diseases, and is, therefore, an invaluable aid when horses are attacked with diseases requiring



prompt action, in districts remote from veterinary surgeons, as it enables everyone to doctor his own horse.

In addition there are valuable suggestions on **Plans for Stables, Care and Management of Colts, Breeding, Age as Shown by Body and Teeth.**

The comprehensive index, covering over 250 subjects, renders it very easy to find information on any desired subject.

These books are printed on good, clean white paper, and the type is new, clear and distinct; in fact, they are first-class in every respect, being edited by well-known men who are authorities in their respective lines.

Both Books Free

Sent FREE to every subscriber sending us $1.50 for one year's subscaiption.

THE FIDELITY

Saving and Loan Association,

Now In Its Fourth Year.

We Invest Your Money for you. It pays you 10 per cent. The only Institution in the State Managed by colored men. Correspondence Solicited. Chas. A. Webb, President; Wm. M. Lewis. Secretary. W. W, Christy, Treasurer. Dues 55c per week. Shares $300.

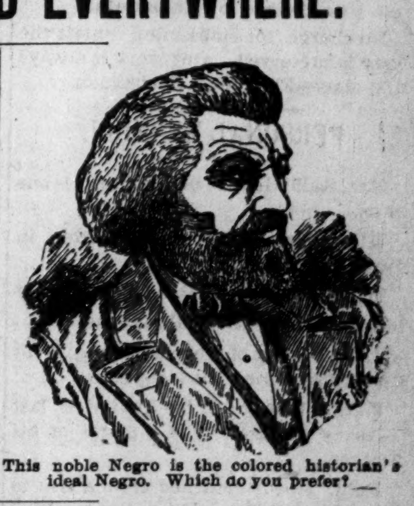
184 Indiana Avenue. : : : : INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

A GREAT BOOK!

The School History of the Negro race is now adopted by the State Board of Education for use in all the Colored Schools of North Carolina.

AGENS WANTED EVERYWHERE.

This Servile Negro is the white historian's ideal Negro.



This noble Negro is the colored historian's ideal Negro. Which do you prefer?

READ JOHNSON'S "HISTORY OF THE NEGRO RACE" FOR AN ELEGANT SKETCH OF THE LIFE OF THE GREAT

—FREDERICK DOUGLASS—

See School History of the Negro. Agents wanted everywhere. Quick sales. Lare Commissions.

School History of the Negro Race,

By E. A. Johnson, L. L. D., Educator and Attorney-at-Law.

Gives interesting sketches of the origin of the race, history of slavery in the different Colonies, sketches of the lives of Phillis Wheatly, the slave girl Poetess, Massachusetts; Benjamin Baneker, publisher of the first American Almanac; Crispus Attucks, the first martyr of the Revolution; Thomas Fuller, the Virginia Mathematician, and Toussant L'Overtuer; statistics of the number of colored troops in the various wars, their pay and treatment; statistics of wealth, religion and education on colored people in the States. Also the biographies of such race men as Doulass, Bruce, Lynch, Price, Payne, Turner, Langston, Elliott and others. It gives the race credit for what it has done. It teaches race pride and self-respect. No white history gives these acts. They completely ignore or humilate us.

—Well Bound. Price $1.00—

"The last year I was in the Atlanta University, I had for a time a class in English Literature, I tried to get for them from all sources what you have so beautifully complied. The race must be greatly indebted for your philanthropic work."—Mary T. Chase, recently teacher of English Literature in Atlanta University. "The book deserves higher praise than I can express."—A. W. Farham, principal Orange Park Normal School. Rev. P. A. Scott, Malden, West Virginia, sold 121 in two hours, and writes: "It sold like 'hot cakes.'" H. A. Hagler & Co., Atlanta, Ga. It sells faster than any book we ever handled. Rev. A. Wakefield, of Sebree, Kentucky, sold 260 during six weeks of the bad weather. Prof. C. A. White, of Tuskegee, writes: "I would not take $10.00 for mine."

E. A. JOHNSON,

No. 11 West South Street. Raleigh, North Carolina.

GUARANTEE SHOES

MEN'S — LADIES'

Enamel - $2.00 - Box Calf
Patent - $2 50 - and
Box and - $3.00 - Enamel
French - $3.50 - Shoes
Calf $4.00 WARRANTEED WATERPROOF.

January 1, We Added 27 New Styles. See Them!

COR. ILLINOIS AND MARKET STREETS.

LOCAL NEWS.

Mrs. Ella Garnett of Louisville is in the city.

Thomas Lilly was buried on last Wenesday.

Miss Lillie Williams of Orange street is indisposed.

The Freeman can be had at the Bates House Barber Shop.

WANTED—Children to board at 315 West Ninth street, corner Mill.

Rev. G. B. Lynch of Walters' Chapel has been very much missed by his congregation during his illness.

No charge for embalming unless the body is preserved. Our work is always first-class. Flanner & Buchanan.

No charge for embalming unless the body is preserved. Our work is always first-class—Flanner & Buchanan.

Miss Flora B. Passmore is teaching at Public school No 23 in the place of Mrs. Addie Martin, who is indisposed.

Dr. Sumner A. Furniss has been appointed on a committee of three to superintend the improvements at the Friendly Inn, W. Market street, the charitable institution for mendicants.

An extraordinary program will be rendered at Walter's Literary Lyceum next Thursday evening, the 21st, at which time W. Allison Sweeney will read choice selections from Shakespeare.

Mrs. R. D. Leonard, Misses Kincaid and Dickerson will render vocal selections at Walter's Literary Lyceum next Thursday evening. Miss Katherine Stevenson and Jas. Martin will recite.

The Indianapolis Literary met last Tuesday evening in the Ninth Presbyterian. W. S. Bryant read a good paper on "Our Country's Safety" and it was discussed at length by Messrs. Cable, Donells and Blair. The next meeting will be held on the 26th.

James H. Lott, who has been appointed by Judge McCray to assist in the defense of Harvey Singleton, is no novice in the profession. He has been in active practice in this state and in Illinois since 1884, and is well equipped by learning and experience to handle such an important case as this one.

No Charge for Embalming.

No charge for embalming unless the body is preserved. Our work is always first-class—Flanner & Buchannan.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. Sadie Gaynor of Cincinnati is one of us.

Miss Lizzie Sweeney is visiting in Terre Haute.

M. W. Dudney M. D., of Chicago has located at 100 Martindale avenue.

J. A. Braboy of Kokomo, Ind., is in the city attending the legislature.

John Sweeney left for Louisville, last Tuesday to attend the funeral of his brother.

Robt. Moody returned from a visit to St. Louis and Terre Haute last week.

Miss Mary Ousley is a guest of friends in Edinburgh.

Misses Birdie Austin and Hettie Hill, of Brazil are in the city this week the guests of Mrs. Susie Steeple, 346 Superior street.

Miss Kittie Brown, of Sheridan & Flynn's Big Sensation company, visited The Freeman sanctum while in the city. She is an Indianapolis girl and was well remembered by friends.

Miss Mary Chavis left last week for Wilberforce, O., to resume her studies.

Miss Lillian Ward has returned from a pleasant visit to Richmond.

Richard Worthington of Galesburg, Ill., is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Callie Brown, 16 Leon street.

Billy Farrell of Sheridan & Flynn's Big Sensation company, gave The Freeman office a call during their engagement in this city. Mr. and Mrs. Farrell holds the distinction of being the "Champion Cake Walkers" of the United States, having won the same in a contest at Madison Square Garden, New York City, against 280 contestants.

Reception for Hon. G. L. Jones.

The League of Colored Republican Clubs of Marion County is making arrangements to tender to the Hon. G. L. Jones a reception on the 21 inst., next Thursday, at the Herculean Club. A general invitation is extended to the ministers of the city and other voters to be present. The reception is open to the public. The following reception committee has been named: All ministers of the city, Wm. Porter, W. W. Walden, Wm. Jackson, Jas. Shelton, Joseph Broyles, O. S. Clay, G. L. Knox, W. W. Christy, Dr. S. A, Elbert, W. W. Richardson, I. Johnson, Wm. Taylor, Lafayette Snell, O. V. Royal, C. M. C. Willis, H. L. Sanders, Wm. Taylor, W. C. Hodge, Grant Robinson, John A. Puryear, Payton Willis, W. Milton Lewis, Jas. Ritchie, W. E. Gibson, Allen Simms, J. H. Lott, Wm. Porter, sr., W. M. Richardson, Horace Heston, M. C. Turner, A. J. Frye, Geo. W. Reed A. W. Ross, Jefferson Simms, J. H. Morton, and members of the various clubs.

NOTICE!

Joseph Henderson, agent for the Tacoma Laundry, will call for and deliver your work promptly. Good work guaranteed.

"SWAMP ANGEL" ON THE WING

"Hail, woman! Hail, thou faithful wife and mother,
The latest, choicest part of heaven's great plan.
None fills thy peerless place at home, no other
Helpmeet is found for laboring, suffering man."

"And the Lord God said, it is not good that man should be alone; I will therefore make for him a helper suited to him." And this helper is woman—the brave, defiant, yet loving, sweet woman. She was sent to the Garden of Eden to fill its holy bowers with love, sunshine and joy. As she was appreciated then, so is the true, dignified womanly woman appreciated now.

At a certain club the other evening, the subject, "Kitchen Mechanics and Society Girls" was discussed by several of the boys. It is needless to say that much exaggerated language was indulged in by these brilliant young men. However, with due consideration, we must say we admire the spirit when they are honest in their convictions.

Aye, there's the rub! Did you, my dear boys, ever stop to think of the vast number of girls of both races who are forced to do housework? Is it not more honorable to perform such duties than to live lives of shame and degradation? Can she not wear the grand title of lady as nobly as she who wields the birch, sits at the desk as bookkeeper, or stands behind the counter? Do you find her stealthily gliding around questionable places? Are not many of them more refined and cultured than the frivolous, flippant society girl?

"You are not the hottest pebble on the beech," remarked one of these little dainty, bewitching, fascinating society creatures on the popular boulevard yesterday to a beardless dude whose ears were hidden in a "choker." She was up-to date in all the latest slang, sings splendidly—"You Ain't so Warm," etc., and is out late at nights. Such is one type of the society girl. Which do you prefer—she or the kitchen girl?

CORINTHIAN CHURCH NOTES.

Revival services began last Sunday night.

Our Sunday school was well attended last Sabbath.

The indisposed are Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Francis, Mrs. Banks and Mrs. Brown.

Refreshments were served from 6 to 8 p. m. Wednesday at 70 Cincinnati street under the auspices of the club, Mrs. Durham, captain.

The funeral of Armstead Mead, aged 102, occurred last Sunday at 2 p m at the residence of Mrs. Martha Hause, 65 Dorman street.

Sunday school officers elected for the ensuing year were: Geo. W. Prince, superintendent; Walter Jameison, assistant; Miss Kate Baughman, secretary; Miss Ada Bagby, assistant; Mrs. H. A. Webb, treasurer; Miss Nettie Prince, organist; Howard Johnson and Willie Smith, librarians. A new class will be added next Sunday, with Mrs. Irene Posey as teacher.

Elder M. Vann, of Chattanooga, Tenn., will be with us five days and preach every evening and during the day next Sunday. He is Tennessee's leading divine, and all should hear him.

Elder Blackshear preached two very interesting sermons last Sunday, subjects, "Thy Kingdom Come" and "The Soul that Sinneth Shall Die." There were two additions to the church. Collection $24.73

ALLEN CHAPEL NOTES.

Mrs. Catherine Tyler is out again after a week's illness.

Rev. C. C. Townsend, P. E., preached an interesting sermon last Friday night.

Mrs. Delia Wilson, Mrs. J. H. Young and Miss Fannie Hardrick are still quite sick.

Our Sunday school is in a flourishing condition. New pupils unite every Sunday.

Tne meetings were well attended last week; they will continue. Rev. Wm. Bowman is assisting.

Jerry Thomas deserves great credit for the manner in which he had the church decorated Sunday.

Next Sunday evening Rev. Murray by request will preach on "Gambling." All are cordially invited to come.

Last Sunday was barber's night. They were well represented. The church was so crowded that many were turned away from the doors. Rev. Murray delivered an able sermon. The address by Hon. Geo. L. Knox, solo by Miss Bertha Morgan and the oration by Miss Allie Morgan were superb. The barbers led in the collection.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year for the Y. P. S. C. E.: President, J. W. Bush; vice president, Susie Wilson; secretary, Mattie Green; corresponding secretary, Ella Williams; treasury, Mary J. Jackson.

Rev. Murray and wife received New Year's presents from the following friends for which they extend their heartfelt thanks: Parlor rocking chair, William Mayberry and Mrs. Minnie Kellar; paper rack, a friend; comb, brush and jewelry box, Prof. and Mrs. W. F. Teister of Crawfordsville.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

Rev. Chas. Johnson preached last Tuesday night.

Grant Johnson of West North street, is still very ill.

The five o'clock prayer meeting was well attended Sunday morning.

Miss Tena Steele has been indisposed, but was able to be in attendance at the Circle Thursday.

The Sunday school is progressing. We invite the public to join us. Officers were elected for the year last Sunday.

We invite all to attend the revival which is now in progress. Rev. Skinner of Kansas is assisting in the series of meetings.

The Ladies' Circle was entertained by Mrs. Dickerson in Toledo avenue. The paper, "A Woman's Influence," read by Mrs. Lizzie Brown, was excellent.

Mrs. Dr. Carr has been suffering with an attack of throat trouble, but is able to assume her usual duties as president of the Ladies' Circle.

Services were well attended last Sabbath. Dr. Carr preached two interesting sermons. Standing room was appreciated. There were eight additions to the church. Collection $50.

BETHEL A. M. E. NOTES.

Services last Sunday were largely attended both morning and evening. The sunrise prayer meeting had a fine crowd. The collections for the day amounted to $46.00, which was an increase of $5 00 over the previous Sunday.

The pastor and officers are very much encouraged at the signs of improvement in every department.

Revival services are now in progress. Services begin every evening during the week at 8 o'clock with a half hours song service. Miss Druetta Dixons presides at the organ and the singing is proving both effective and attractive.

NINTH PRESBYTERIAN NOTES.

Dr. Lawton, the regular minister, is expected in town this week, and will preach morning and evening Sunday.

The attendance at the Sunday school is steadily increasing. More new classes were organized last Sunday.

Change of Time.

On the new change of time, which took effect November 22nd, train No. 12 on the C. H. & D. Ry., which leaves Cincinnati at 9:20 p. m. arrives in Detroit 6:15 a. m., but passengers are allowed to remain in the sleeper until 7:00 o'clock.

An Investment of Only

Two dollars per month, for eighteen months, will prove more profitable than any Building and Loan Association or Savings Bank, and much safer—will average you yearly dividends of $30. Erom this small investment you should be able to receive $200 in five years time. Absolutely safe, not a cent can be lost. In fifteen years you should receive close to $1,500 from your small investment. Profits from the sale of earliest peaches, pears, plums, and grapes, growing on 160,000 trees in Houston county Georgia, first fruit sold in the northern markets brings the best prices. Highest reference, and best class of citizens are our members. Don't delay join at once before all shares are sold. We need ever dollar now to pay expenses and secure this splendid property. Postage and cost of money orders credited on payments. Only a few shares now left not subscribed for. Address W.H. Cross, secy. American Fruit Co., Room 3, 36 W. Washington St., Indianapolis Ind.

Big Four Interchangeable Mileage.

The interchangeable one-thousand mile tickets of the "Big Four Route" are indispensable to all business firms and commercial travelers. The lines of the Big Four penetrate all the big cities of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, and a ticket which can be used to reach these cities as well as cities on principal connecting lines, is invaluable.

Keep These Dates in Your Mind.

December 22, January 5-19, Febuary 3-16, April 6-20, May 4-18. On these dates, agents of the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Railway, will sell settlers tickets to points in Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, North and South Carolina, Florida, Mississipi, Virginia and Louisiana, one way, at special low rates. Persons intending to go South this winter or spring, will do well to call on any agents of the C. H. & D. Ry., who will not only furnish them with information as to the rates, but will also obtain literature, descriptive of the portion of the country to which they are looking. Agents will cheerfully assist any one in obtaining information who will ask for it.

Garfield Baptist Church Notes.

Norwood, Ind., Special.

Miss Susie Trabue is on the sick list.

Our Young People's Union is increasing in number and is well attended. Mrs. Barbara Crowders is president. Rev. R. H. Sample preached an excellent sermon Sunday, subject "Addition." The Young People's Union held praise service Sunday evening.

Social Club Reception—Notes.

Montreal, Can., Special.

One of the most delightful affairs of the week was the reception and dance given by the young men's Social club. The hall was tastefully decorated with beautiful plants, and society turned out in full. An elegant supper was served and all enjoyed themselves. Among some of the most elegantly dressed ladies were Mrs. David Macon, Mrs. Geo. Smith, Mrs. Frank Beard, Mrs. Henry Barber, Mrs. Geo. Paris, Mrs. Porter and White. Misses Annie and Virg Trueheart, Tillie Jones, Carrie Riggins. Gentlemen: Messrs. Chas. Smith, Johnnie Hushfield, Edward Durant, Will Allen, Fred Johnson and O. Moody. Thomas Jones is in the city this week. Walter Blackburn and Wm. Clark have returned from St. Louis, Mo. Rev. Stanley Benson, of the Mountain Street Methodist church, preached an interesting sermon Sunday morning to a very good audience. All the skating rinks are open and the pleasure seekers are enjoying themselves. There is no distinction made at any place of amusement. But there is prejudice, as a few days ago when a number of colored gentlemen entered one of the Montreal's most fashionable rinks, a white man said to another, "Why, do they allow 'niggers' here?" "Yes, certainly," was the reply. The gentleman of the two, seeing that I noticed what was said, walked over to me and said, "You must not mind him, it is only the common class that make such remarks." Mrs. George Smith, a charming little hostess, entertained a few friends with a select dance January 4th. Mrs. Walter Blackburn is suffering from a sprained ankle. Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Brown entertained a number of friends New Years' Eve. Misses Nannie, Sarah and Mary Woods entertained very delightfully at dinner and dance New Years' day. Ben. Sportsman and Johnnie Hushfield are two of Montreal's progressive young men.

Social News.

Keokuk, Iowa, Special.

Rev. Bundy, of Indiana, is presiding elder of this district, he held his quarterly meeting Sunday with success and is carrying on a revival. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Anderson, have left the city. James Haley has returned. The young ladies of St. Mary's Episcopal Church gave a social at Mrs. Frazier's Tuesday night. Miss Annie Fields entertained Daisy and Lydie Weir, John Roan and Claud Martin, at tea. Mr Selvia Johnson left for Fort Smith Ark, Monday. The First M. E. has opened a mission at 14 High street. Mrs. F. D, Bland was at home to a few friends Jan. 8. Miss Sadie Benthen and Alonso Drain, have returned to their schools. Rev. Tillman and wife have opened their home to the young folks who wish to take lesson's in book-keeping and shorthand; Mr. Young of the Business College, instructor. Mr Roan won the cake raffle at the St. Mary's social. Subscribe for The Freeman.

To The Blue Grass.

The Queen & Crescent Route has inaugurated a service of observation cars on the famous Blue Grass Vestibule between Cincinnati and Lexington. Free parlor cars and Queen & Crescent Standard vestibuled Day Coaches, 4 Trains Daily. 17 Miles shortest line, unequalled train service. W. C. RINEARSON, Gen'l Pass'r Agt. Cincinnati, O.

HEADACHE cured in 20 minutes by Dr. Miles PAIN PILLS. "One cent a dose." At druggists

Flanner & Buchanan,

FUNERAL DIRECTORS.

No class of people are more appreciative of good service at a funeral than the colored people

We do Want Colored Trade.

Is not your dollar as good as that of your white neighbor? Can any colored man or woman say that we did not attend to their funerals as well as to their white neighbors?

No charge for Embalming, unless the Body is preserved. You want your friends so they an be seen on day of the Funeral.

The Jackson Riding Academy,

Will Open February 1st, '97,

ODD FELLOW'S HALL, Indiana Ave.

This being the only Riding School in the State owned and run exclusively by the race, we shall spare no pains in making it second to none in the city. Our prices are lower than any other school in the city. We guarantee to learn the most timid persons without the slightest injury, in act we guarantee to never let you fall. Owing to the fact that nine out of every ten persons who learn to ride a bicycle, under an instructor, learn in six lessons to be a safe rider, all persons purchasing six tickets at one time will be entitled to four school lessons and two street lessons for $1.50. Our rent wheels are strictly up-to-date in every respect, prices: 1 hour 35c; 2 hours, 50c; 5 hours, $1.00; 10 hours, $1.50; One week, $5.00. We can supply rent wheels for cycling.

Lowest Prices Ever Known for First-Class Made-to-Order Wear

$20 Suits at $12.00.
$25 Suits at $16.50.
$30 Suits at $19.00.

$35 Suits at $23.50.
$40 Suits at $25.00.
Overcoats and Trousers at proportionate reductions.

N. B.—During this sale no goods will be charged. Every transaction strictly cash. Dress Suits for evening wear, $25 and upward.

KAHN TAILORING CO.,
22 and 24 East Washington St.

R. A. McCANN.

DEALER IN

Groceries, Fresh and Smoked Meats.

44 & 46 INDIANA AVENUE.

Call and see the beautiful Silverware we are giving away.

Courteous treatment to all.

OVERCOATS — SUITS

OUR

Unparalleled Reductions Continue.

There are bargains in every department. No goods witheld. All new, fresh stock. Now that the cold weather is here you should delay no longer. It is the opportunity of a lifetime.

ORIGINAL EAGLE,

5 and 7 West Washington Street.

FURNISHINGS — HATS AND CAPS

Buy from the Manufacturer

SPECIAL BARGAINS IN

JACKETS
CAPES
COLLARETTES, etc.

INTERNATIONAL FUR CO.

25 West Washington Street

The Only Exclusive Fur House in the State.

"BUTCH" BROWN,

Has opened with a fine line of

WINES, LIQUORS, CIGARS, TOBACCO, ETC.

Take Prospect Street Car.
Miama Street, NORWOOD, IND.

HADLEY BROS.,

DRUGGISTS.

317 Indiana Ave., near St. Clair st.

Try Our TOLU, TAR & WILD CHERRY for Colds.

J. A. EHRENSPERGER'S

Big 4 Shoe Store

188 WEST WASHINGTON STREET.

Shoes at Rock Bottom Prices. Courteous treatment to all.

Octavius V. Royall,

LAWYER,

Nos. 711 and 712 Lemcke Building.